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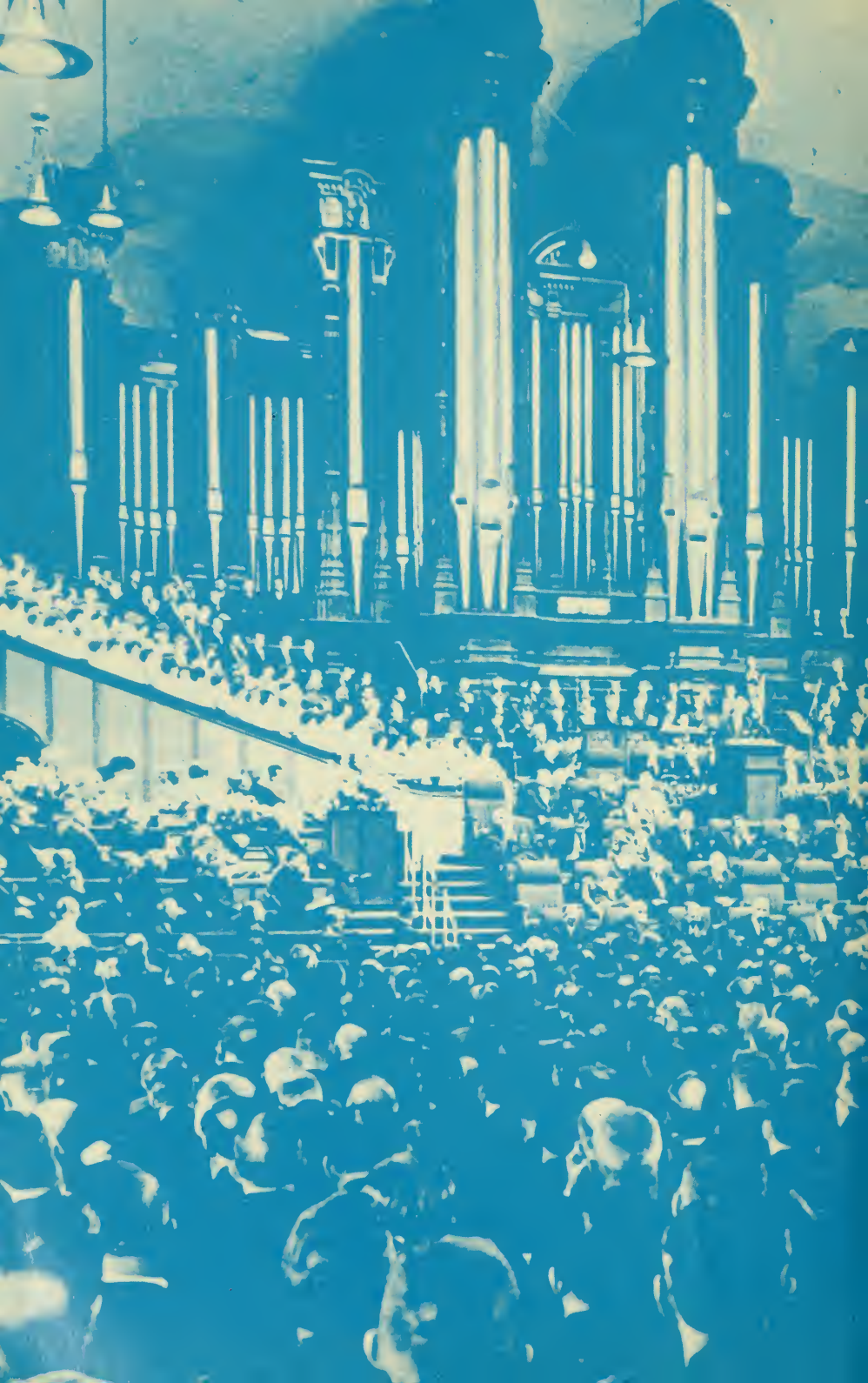

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How Beautiful!

How beautiful the rose whose appearance is pleasing,
How delightful the singing bird with its cheerful sound,
How cute the little lambs; their mother's ever teasing,
How glorious the beauty of this world all around.

How bright the sun's rays are on a scorching summers day,
How comparative to the fires that forever glow,
How sweet are all the children enthused in joyful play,
How marvellous the colours of the sweeping rainbow.

How pleasant are the rivers rippling constantly,
How majestic the mountains so prominent above,
How graceful our Father reigning immorality,
How forgiving, merciful and so enriched with love.

How stunning is nature; how brilliant each creation,
How innocent the child who, through God's grace you've been blessed
How wonderful the people of every nation.
How loving the mother in whose arms her child's caressed.

How devoted is the love of sisters and brothers,
How fresh are the early mornings; grass covered in dew,
How rewarding if you look for the good in others,
How Heavenly Father will look for the good in you.

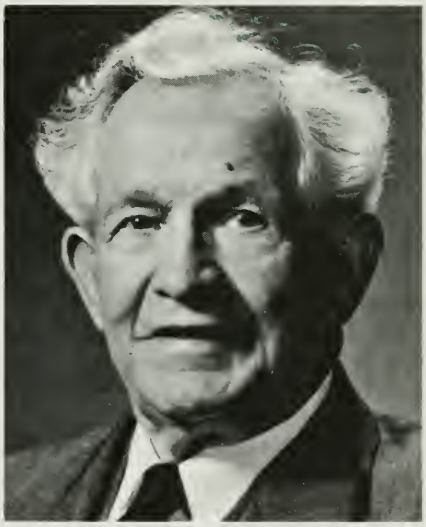
—Sister Harrison, Belfast, Ireland

Help Make Our Chapels Truly Places For Worship

By President David O. McKay

★ Reverence embraces regard, deference, honour, and esteem. Without some degree of it there would be no courtesy, no gentility, no consideration of other's feelings or of other's rights. It is the fundamental virtue in religion. Reverence is one of the signs of strength, irreverence one of the surest indications of weakness. No man will rise high who jeers at sacred things. The fine loyalties of life must be reverenced, or they will be foresworn in the day of trial.

Many years ago I walked with a group through those old halls of Westminister Abbey. Everybody spoke in whispers. In one place we were asked to take off our shoes. It was more to save the old floor, though, than to pay deference or reverence to the room.



President David O. McKay

PROPER REVERENCE INVITED

At another time when I was on a trip round the world, my companions and I visited some of the temples of Budha and Shinto. We had to take our shoes off before we entered. We are not going to worship houses, and we certainly do not wish to violate the command of God to worship images, but we do want to be courteous, deferential, reverent, when we enter the presence of our Lord, to whom all should give reverence.

If you were invited to go before a Governor-general, before one of Royalty you would prepare in dress and in attitude so as to appear properly in his presence. Our houses are dedicated by the Priesthood, and our chapels are consecrated for the worship of the

Lord, and we give them over to Him. It is not just a mere act, and I promise you, that the Lord will be there and we shall feel His presence, if we approach Him properly. That is a fact because He lives, and this is His Church, and you are His servants by divine right.

WE CAN TRACE AUTHORITY

I know the world thinks we are unreasonable, fantastic in our ideas when we tell them that there is no other authorised Church, but that is true. The Priesthood came direct from our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who is the great High Priest, and He authorised Peter, James and John, on whom He bestowed that Priesthood, to bestow It upon the Prophet Joseph Smith; and John the Baptist, who held the Aaronic Priesthood to bestow the Aaronic Priesthood upon Joseph Smith. Joseph Smith did not take it; it came direct, and the members of the priesthood can trace their ordinations, probably within eight steps, right back to the Saviour Himself.

When we go into the chapel, let us go in there realising that we are in the presence of our Heavenly Father, and we sit and commune reverently from within. Happines is from within. It must be, as one of the brethren said, an individual matter. What right have I to go into a chapel and speak in loud tones and disturb somebody who is communing, probably praying in his heart?

★ All of the performances of human art, at which we look with praise or wonder, are instances of the resistless force of perseverance if a man was to compare the effect of the spade with the general design and last result, he would be overwhelmed by the sense of their disproportion;yet, those petty operations, incessantly continued, in time surmount the greatest difficulties, and mountains are levelled and oceans bounded, by the slender force of human beings.

—Samuel Johnson

Man's Role—Go Ever Forward

By President Hugh B. Brown

★ We proclaim the scriptural and inspiring doctrine that man should look up, not down for his source, for he is of divine lineage; that man is innocent at birth, which is the antithesis of the ball and chain doctrine of original sin and innate wickedness.

"Every spirit of man was innocent in the beginning; and God having redeemed man from the fall, men became again, in their infant state, innocent before God." (D&C 93:38.)

Man faces a vista of limitless development, eternal progression, if he will cooperate in winning mastery over himself and the universe. We believe that man's earth life was made possible by Adam's role in a foreordained plan which included the provision for man to come face to face with both good and evil and, under the eternal law of free agency, elect good or evil without compulsion, knowing however that under the immutable law of the harvest he must abide the consequences of his choice, must reap as he sows. Free agency is prerequisite to any character-building plan, and while with free agency any plan is inevitably crammed with risk, we, with all the sons of God, accepted that risk and shouted for joy at the prospect of earth life. The Lord said to Job,

WE "SHOUTED FOR JOY"

"Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? . . .

"When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?" (Job 38:4,7.)

"If God is in fact our Father, then we, Father and children, belong to the same society of eternal intelligences. Among them He is supreme, He is the most advanced, most powerful, and most intelligent.

"Now the Lord had shown unto me, Abraham, the intelligences that were organised before the world was; and

among all these there were many of the noble and great ones . . .

"I am the Lord, thy God, I am more intelligent than they all." (Abraham 3:22,19.)

When we say man may become like our Father, we do not mean to humanize God, but rather to deify man—not as he now is but as he may become. The difference between us is indescribably great, but it is one of degree rather than of kind.

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, . . . " (John 1:12.)

CONTINUING PROCESS

To the Latter-day Saints salvation or being saved does not imply a sudden transformation or metamorphosis into something entirely unlike one's nature nor can it be achieved by mere mental assent or sudden conversion. It is rather a continued process of becoming or unfolding pursuant to law and divine plan, of bringing one's life into harmony with eternal and inexorable law.

We believe that in his infinite and eternal development toward a Godlike status, man moves toward and through a turnstile called death; that there is no interruption of life at this portal, for eternity is indefinitely prolonged time. We believe that man, after passing through this turnstile, will continue his eternal journey from the point where his actions in this life have brought him. "Whatever principle of intelligence we attain unto in this life, it will rise with us in the resurrection." (D&C 130:18.) To deny the possibility of eternal progression is to accept the awful alternative of eventual stagnation which would be damnation.

THE GLORY OF GOD

We believe that being saved involves education, that man cannot be saved in ignorance any more than he can be saved in sin, for as the glory of God is intelligence, or light and truth, so the degree of our intelligence will be the measure of our glory. Neither the ignorant nor the sinner would be comfortable or at home in heaven. This concept glorifies intelligence as well as righteousness. But let us not confuse mere knowledge with intelligence. The knowledge of which we speak must seek enlightenment and be applied with wisdom. The knowledge that will save us is not mere know-how, certainly not cunning or mental agility or sagacity; it is not just erudition. The wise man may not be learned, and the learned are not always wise. The intelligence which is the glory of God is all knowledge (and knowledge is power) applied with supreme wisdom and total righteousness.

One Of The Great Evils Of Today Sexual Immorality

By Elder Ezra Taft Benson
Council of the Twelve

★ Sexual immorality is a viper that is striking not only in the world, but in the Church today. Not to admit it is to be dangerously complacent or is like putting one's head in the sand. In the category of crimes, only murder and denying the Holy Ghost come ahead of illicit sexual relations, which we call fornication when it involves an unmarried person, or the graver sin of adultery when it involves one who is married. I know the laws of the land do not consider unchastity as serious as God does, nor punish as severely as God does, but that does not change its abominableness. In the eyes of God there is but one moral standard for men and women. In the eyes of God chastity will never be out of date.

The natural desire for men and women to be together is from God. But such association is bounded by His laws. Those things properly reserved for marriage, when taken within the bonds of marriage, are right and pleasing before God and fulfil the commandment to multiply and replenish the earth. But those same things when taken outside the bonds of marriage are a curse.

No sin is causing the loss of the Spirit of the Lord among our people more today than sexual promiscuity. It is causing our people to stumble, damming their growth, darkening their spiritual powers, and making them subject to other sins.

SIN TREATED FLIPPANTLY

Recently, a young man commented that if he quit reading books, watching TV, seeing movies, reading newspapers and magazines, and going to school, there was a chance he might live a clean life. And this explains, in large part, the extent to which this insidious evil has spread, for the world treats this sin flippantly. These evil forces build up your lust and then fail to tell of the tragic consequences. In so many movies the hero is permitted to get away with crime so long as he can joke

about it, or explain he was powerless to do anything, or else at the close of the movie show forth one minimal virtue that is supposed to cover over the grossest of sin. Many of our prominent national magazines pander to the baser side, but then try to cover for themselves by including other articles, too.

So garbled in values have our morals become that some youth would not dare touch a cigarette but freely engage in petting. Both are wrong, but one is infinitely more serious than the other.

Parents should give their children specific instructions on chastity at an early age, both for their physical and moral protection I commend to you as a basis for judgment pertaining to the matter of chastity a statement written by Mrs. Wesley to her famous son John: "Would you judge of the lawfulness of pleasure? Take this rule: Now note, whatever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, takes off your relish for spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of the body over the mind, that thing is sin to you, however innocent it may seem in itself."

SOME STEPS TO AVOID

May I sugest some steps to avoid the pitfalls of immorality:

(1) Avoid late hours and weariness.

Elder Ezra Taft Benson

The Lord said retire to your bed early (D&C 88:124), and there are good reasons for that. Some of the worst sins are committed after midnight by tired heads. Officers in the wards and stakes, branches and missions should not keep our people, especially our youth, up late at night even for wholesome recreation.

(2) Keep your dress modest. Short skirts are not pleasing to the Lord, but modesty is. Girls, do not be an enticement for your downfall because of your immodest and tight-fitting clothes.

(3) Have good associates or don't associate at all. Be careful in the selection of your friends. If in the presence

of certain persons you are lifted to nobler heights, you are in good company. But if your friends or associates encourage base thoughts, then you had best leave them.

(4) Avoid necking and petting like a plague, for necking and petting is the concession which precedes the complete loss of virtue.

(5) Have a good physical outlet of some sport or exercise. Overcome evil with good. You can overcome many evil inclinations through good physical exertion and healthful activities. A healthy soul, free of the body-and-spirit-dulling influences of alcohol and tobacco, is in better condition to overthrow the devil.

THINK AND BE CLEAN

(6) Think clean thoughts. Those who think clean thoughts do not do dirty deeds. You are not only responsible before God for your acts but also for controlling your thoughts. So live that you would not blush with shame if your thoughts and acts could be flashed on a screen in your church. The old adage is still true that you sow thoughts and you reap acts. You sow acts and you reap habits, you sow habits and you reap a character, and your character determines your eternal destiny. "As a man thinketh, so is he." (Prov. 23:7.)

(7) Pray. There is no temptation placed before you which you cannot shun. Do not allow yourself to get in positions where it is easy to fall. Listen to the promptings of the Spirit. If you are engaged in things where you do not feel you can pray and ask the Lord's blessings on what you are doing, then you are engaged in the wrong kind of activity.

Yes—avoid late hours; dress modestly; seek good associates; avoid necking and petting; have a good physical outlet; think good thoughts; pray.

May the Lord bless us as a people. We have taken upon us sacred covenants. We must be faithful. We are in the world, it is true ,but we must not partake of the evils of the world. Let us be ever on guard against the flattery of prominent men in the world, false educational ideas, and sexual impurity.

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THE RAIN

by Alice Summers of the Bradford Ward

The earth's o'ercast and thunder rolls;
Black clouds are gathered in the sky;
The sheep are herded to their folds,
And twittering birds bent homeward fly.
A peal of thunder rends the air,
Shaking the trembling fragile leaves;
The lightning with it's vivid glare
Flashes through the darkened trees.
When suddenly the gentle rain
falls upon the vivid earth;
Lightly tapping drops that gain
volume with increasing mirth.
Till in all its heaviest gown
Suddenly the driest field
Over country, over town
Its beats unmercilessly wield.
Perhaps an hour or even more
Freshening the breezes as they sigh
Until the clouds exhaust their store
As suddenly the raindrops die.

★ One news story or radio or TV bit does not an image make;
Nor do a dozen refusals failure guarantee.
Perseverance will prevail, just work and watch and see.
—Elder John Ellsworth

Prophecies And Prophets

Elder LeGrand Richards

Council of the Twelve

★ I have great faith in the fulfilment of the prophecies. I think of the words of Jesus as He walked along the way to Emmaus following His crucifixion. The eyes of the two disciples, as you will recall, were holden that they could not recognise Him, and as He heard them talking of the things that had been done in Jerusalem, (His cruifixion), He answered, ". . . O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:" And then He explained to them from the scriptures the words of Moses and the prophets how that they had all testified of Him and of His work. Then we are told He opened their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures. (See Luke 24.)

And then we have the words of Peter in which he said,

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (II Peter 1:19-21.)

And that is what makes the word of prophecy more sure than anything else in all this world.

ANALYSE PROPHECIES

We ought to analyse the prophecies with respect to this great latter-day dispensation and the preparation for the coming of the Son of Man as He testified to Caiaphas that He would come in the clouds of heaven.

I submit to you a statement about the need of a prophet. This is from a minister. While I was in the South, two conventions were held by one of the large churches in Atlanta, Georgia, and in one of them Bishop Warren A. Candler, among other things, made this statement:

"We need the reappearance of prophets sent from God."

Then Dr. Ainsworth discussed the condition of the world and the need of something to arrest the world from its present decadent condition, and said:

"Never in the nation's history was the arresting voice of a prophet of God more needed than it is today."

QUOTES MINISTER IN ENGLAND

Then here are the words of a minister in England some years ago:

"We all recognise that something has got to be done, for at the moment we are in a plight where our earthly leaders falter, our people drift and die. We cannot forget that when the blind set out to lead the blind, chances are that both will find themselves in a ditch. A dictator being out of the question, what about a prophet? The prophet never is self-appointed. It is well to keep that in mind. Nor is he chosen of his fellows. Always he is heaven-sent; yet I am cheered at the thought that he has the knack of appearing at the right time. That being so, I incline to the belief that our prophet must surely be getting ready for us. Let us not forget that; hope and pray as we will for his coming. Men have an old habit of greeting the true prophet with stones. We need not be surprised if an old-fashioned welcome awaits the prophet of our day. No one can say when such a prophet will come, but of our need of him there is no question."

We find people today who say, "Well, we could accept your message, but we cannot believe that Joseph Smith was a prophet." If they believe in the pre-existent life, they could then understand. When Jeremiah was called as a boy to be a prophet, he could not understand it, and the Lord said to him,

"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee,

and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations." (Jer. 1:5.)

PROPHETS PREVIOUSLY KNOWN

The Lord not only knew Jeremiah, but he also knew Joseph Smith. Three thousand years ago the Lord revealed unto Joseph who was sold into Egypt, that in the latter-days, out of his loins, he would raise up a choice seer and a prophet like unto Moses. (2 Nephi 3:11, 14-17.)

And we read in holy writ that there was no prophet in all Israel like unto Moses because Moses talked with God face to face, and that is the kind of prophet the Lord promised Joseph he would raise up out of his loins in the latter days, and that Joseph Smith was this promised prophet is our testimony to the world. The things that Jesus and the prophets declared would have to be accomplished before His coming, could not be accomplished without a prophet through whom the Lord could work.

We read in Malachi where the Lord said through His prophet that He would send a messenger to prepare the way for His coming, and swiftly He would come to His temple. Who but a prophet could be this messenger? Has there ever been a time that He came swiftly to His temple? How could the temple be prepared for His coming without a prophet? This promise has reference to His second coming, for Malachi adds:

SWIFTLY TO HIS TEMPLE

" . . . who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap." (Mal. 3:2.)

So in His last coming, He will come swiftly to His temple. He will come to sit in judgment, as Malachi saw, and Malachi's thought's going along that same line, saw the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord in the latter-days when

". . . all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." (Ibid., 4:1.)

And then he goes on to say that before that day he would send Elijah the prophet to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children. Now why does not the world believe that Elijah will come? They can believe that he was taken to heaven in the clouds of heaven, in a flaming chariot, and here is the promise that he should come in the latter days. And we bear witness that Elijah did come, and because of the knowledge and the information he brought, we continue to build temples and do this great work that is being done in the temples of the Lord.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

When Peter was speaking to those who had put to death the Christ, he said,

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

"And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you." (Acts 3:19-20.)

Now, remember he had already been among them. He had already been crucified, and here is the promise of Peter that the Lord would send him again, but he adds:

"Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." (Ibid., 3:21.)

Now can one believe the Holy Bible and not believe that one of the preparatory things for the coming of the Redeemer of the world would be a "restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."

HELP! POLICE! HELP!

(TO ALL Latter-day Saints serving as Police and Prison Officers)

★ Exploratory talks have commenced with a view to holding a Convention for Latter-day Saints who are serving as Police and Prison Officers in the late 1969 or early 1970. All such members or Bishops and Branch Presidents who have knowledge of said members, are invited to forward their names and addresses to:

Bro. W. J. Ashmead
110 Lutterworth Road,
Nuneaton, Warks.

who will then reply direct to ascertain views and recommendations for such a convention.

Elder Alma Sonne

Guidance A Beautiful Word

By Elder Alma Sonne

Assistant to the Twelve

★ Guidance is a beautiful word, it is a meaningful word. We all need to be guided and directed and inspired in our work and in our responsibilities.

I recall a poem I learned as a boy;

"Hand in hand with angels through the world we go;
"Brighter eyes are on us than we blind ones know;
"Tenderer voices greet us than we deaf will own;
"But never walking heav'nward can we walk alone."

Those who dislike guidance, it seems to me, lack in humility. Jesus believed in guidance. I read a verse from the Gospels:

". . . when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." (John 16:13.)

Mark the words "he will guide you into all truth . . . and he will shew you things to come." Of all the leaders who have lived upon the earth, only Jesus, the Lord, could make a promise like that. These words are tremendously important and reassuring, especially to those who are striving for a better life.

THE BEACON LIGHT

Christ's plan of salvation came to light gradually through holy prophets. Back of them is Jesus Christ, the light of the world, and the greatest of all the prophets. His Gospel is the beacon light. The voice of the prophets is the voice of God to generations past, present, and future. These prophets came as they were needed. They were chosen before they were born. Their messages were always vital, important, and timely. Their testimonies were strong and fervent. They called people to repentance. They rebuked sin in high places. Their mission was to purify and regenerate the human family and to turn the hearts of men to God, who is the Creator, the Ruler, and the Giver of life. These living oracles seldom argued. They announced and interpreted God's will and made no compromise whatever with worldly standards and patterns, however glowing and colourful they might appear.

You will realise the significance of Paul's question put to Agrippa and the others: "Believest thou the prophets?" Paul believed the prophets. He quoted their words to justify and substantiate his claims. I am convinced that the warnings and admonitions of the prophets, had they been duly regarded and respected, would have transformed the world, and evil forces operative in public life, now and in the past, would have been far less powerful.

FOLLOW THEIR TEACHINGS

We believe in prophets. We believe the only safe course for us is to follow the admonition of the prophets. Said Jesus:

"Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagagues, and persecute them from city to city." (Matt. 23:34.)

And then his concluding words: "That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, . . ." (Ibid., v. 35.) The deniers of God's servants were to answer for their repudiation of the prophets. Had the Jews believed John the Baptist and heeded his admonitions, many people (more than did), would have believed on Jesus the Christ. But they rejected him and maligned him. He was put in prison, like his predecessors, and finally put to death, but they could not entirely destroy his influence nor his memory. The common people, the meek and the lowly, listened, They heard his words and accepted his divine calling and followed him. But the magistrates and the rulers, the high and the mighty, the professional religionists, were not among the multitude which followed him to the River Jordan, but Jesus came, and Jesus was baptised by this great prophet, the

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Faith, A Vital Component Of Life

By Elder Milton R. Hunter
First Council of the Seventy

★ I would like to point out some of the laws upon which happiness is based. I will suggest, first that we must have faith if we are to be happy. We must have faith in God the eternal Father: that He is actually and literally the Father of our spirits; that He loves us abundantly; and that He controls within His hands, so to speak, the destiny of man and of nations. We must have faith that all will go well under His divine directorship; and that His divine plan will ultimately be fulfilled.

Elder Milton R. Hunter

We must have faith in Jesus Christ: faith that He is our Lord, our Master, our Saviour, our Redeemer, our Advocate with the Father. We must have faith that through the atoning blood which He spilled, He gave us immortality. We will rise from the grave; we will live again.

Also, we must have faith in the Gospel plan of salvation which He proclaimed and an assurance that if we render obedience to that Gospel plan we shall come back into the presence of God and receive a glorious exaltation and a fulness of joy.

We must have faith in our fellow men.

FAITH MOST IMPORTANT

We must have faith in ourselves: faith that we can accomplish the things which we righteously take into our hearts to accomplish. I know that we

may meet many disappointments; but if we are to be happy, we cannot take them too seriously. We must take them, so to speak, on the chin, and then with faith in our hearts continue forward.

Along with that faith, we must have courage—courage to meet the world with all of its perplexing problems from day to day. We must do away with all fear that is within our hearts. Fear is a destroyer of happiness. It confuses the mind. It brings about many distresses. We must remember and do as God told Joshua: ". . . Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee withersoever thou goest." (Joshua 1:9.) That is my faith.

GOOD HEALTH NECESSARY

I believe, also, that another basic root of happiness is good health. It is quite essential to a fulness of joy. God has blessed us with good health, and it is our job to live in such a way as to maintain that health that we may have an abundance of joy continuously. I know there are some people who are handicapped with poor health, and they are still able to control their thoughts and minds in such a way that they still experience a great amount of joy. However, it is far easier to experience a fulness of joy if our health is good.

I believe that one of the basic roots of happiness is work. When God gave Adam the commandment that he should earn his bread by the sweat of his face, and also proclaimed that the noxious weeds and other similar things that were placed upon the earth, and the troubles that we meet, are here for our own good, God proclaimed a great truth. I know of no thing which gives more joy to our hearts than to have a job that we like, and to do that job efficiently and well. An indescribable amount of peace and satisfaction comes into one's heart through work well done.

President David O. McKay has mentioned one very definite item basic to happiness. It is service. Joy comes as a result of serving our fellow men. We serve our God through service to his children. There is nothing sweeter in all the world than spiritual blessings which come as the result of losing our lives for the Master's sake, with the promise that someday we shall receive eternal life.

OBEDIENCE NECESSARY

The last basic item that I will mention—and it is rather inclusive and a very large one, if we are to be happy today, tomorrow, next week, continuously, and eternally—is: We must keep all of God's commandments. In other words, we must render obedience to " . . . every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God." (D&C 84:44.) You and I have joined the true Church

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The Spiritually Blind

There are those who profess God,
Yet are spiritually blind.
This is so often the case
When men use their mind.
And forget the heart
Must play its own part.
What joy in loving can such people find?

For they have their opinions
Of all that is good.
They obey the commandments
To do all they should.
And yet—does their heart
Play its true part?
I believe that it would if only it could.

But man in concern
To cause no displeasure
Has not felt the pangs
Of love without measure.
So his weak heart
Does not play its part
To give him "God's wisdom which he'd
ever treasure.

For God's spirit dwells
In the breast, not the brain.
And all other thinking
Is purely in vain.

For a seed in the heart
Will never depart.
If nurtured and grown in emotional pain.

Begin now to-day
Pray earnest and true.
That God—who is Love
Will come dwell in you.
And take to your heart—
The most sacred part
His Spirit of loving in all that you do.

Then will you see
And be no longer blind.
No more will you grope
Since no dark you will find.
For there in your heart
Will love play its part.
Contacting the brain to bring Peace to the mind.

—Jean Rose Marie Beswick, recent convert, Luton Ward, London Stake

★ "If children are to be brought up in the way they should go, to be good citizens here and happy hereafter, they must be taught. It is idle to suppose that children will grow up good, while surrounded with wickedness, without cultivation. It is folly to suppose that they can become learned without education."

—Joseph Smith
Times and Seasons
Jan. 15, 1842, P 662

Elder John Longden snips the ribbon opening the new Visitor's Centre at the London Temple observed by Pres. Joseph Hamstead.

Visitor's Centre, the Manor House, right.

Heavens Smiled Approval As Centre Dedicated

By Monitor C. Noyce

★ Wonderful summer weather prevailed as 1,400 members and friends heard Elder John Longden dedicate the beautiful new London Temple Visitors' Centre at New chapel, just north of East Grinstead, on June 14.

The Saints came by coach and car from throughout the British Isles for the most significant Church event to transpire here since the London Temple was dedicated in 1958.

Following the open-air service, on the lovely grounds conducted by London Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead Jr., Elder Longden, an Assistant to the Twelve, snipped a blue ribbon and the £100,000 centre was opened.

Sharing the speaker's rostrum was Pres. Dougald C. McKeown of the London Temple.

Elder Longden declared The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is in the world to create love and to teach all to live the golden rule. He cited three great documents which encourage mankind to so live. These are the ten commandments, as given to Moses,

Elder Longden speaking, Sis. Archer in background.

Officials and dignitaries on the stand. From left, Sis. and Bro. Merrill, Sis. and Pres. McKeown, Elder Longden, Pres. Hamstead, Councillor Rushman, Mrs. Rushman, Pres. and Sis. Everton, Inspector Bowman and Mrs. Bowman.

the Sermon on the Mount, given by Jesus the Christ, as He lived in mortality, and the third, the Articles of Faith—a statement of belief of Latter-day Saints, as contained in the Wentworth Letter, known as the Articles of Faith, written by the Prophet Joseph Smith.

"There are many here today who have searched and received, for as the Saviour said in His Sermon on the Mount, 'blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.' We are here today to testify that the Church of Jesus Christ is on the earth."

Following his recitation of the 13 Articles of Faith, Elder Longden declared "the Gospel is here to dispell selfishness, greed and other evils, for its principles can be applied in any country, land or nation."

Elder Longden said "The Church extends the hand of fellowship to all and we are a witness that through the power of the Holy Ghost all who will believe, repent and are baptised may receive a new birth, a new life."

Elder Longden said if the pattern of such other centres is followed thousands of tourists and members will visit this centre each year. "We extend the hand of fellowship regardless of age,

Dignitaries stroll with Elder Longden. From left, Mrs. Bowman and Inspector Bowman, Mrs. Rushman and Councillor Rushman.

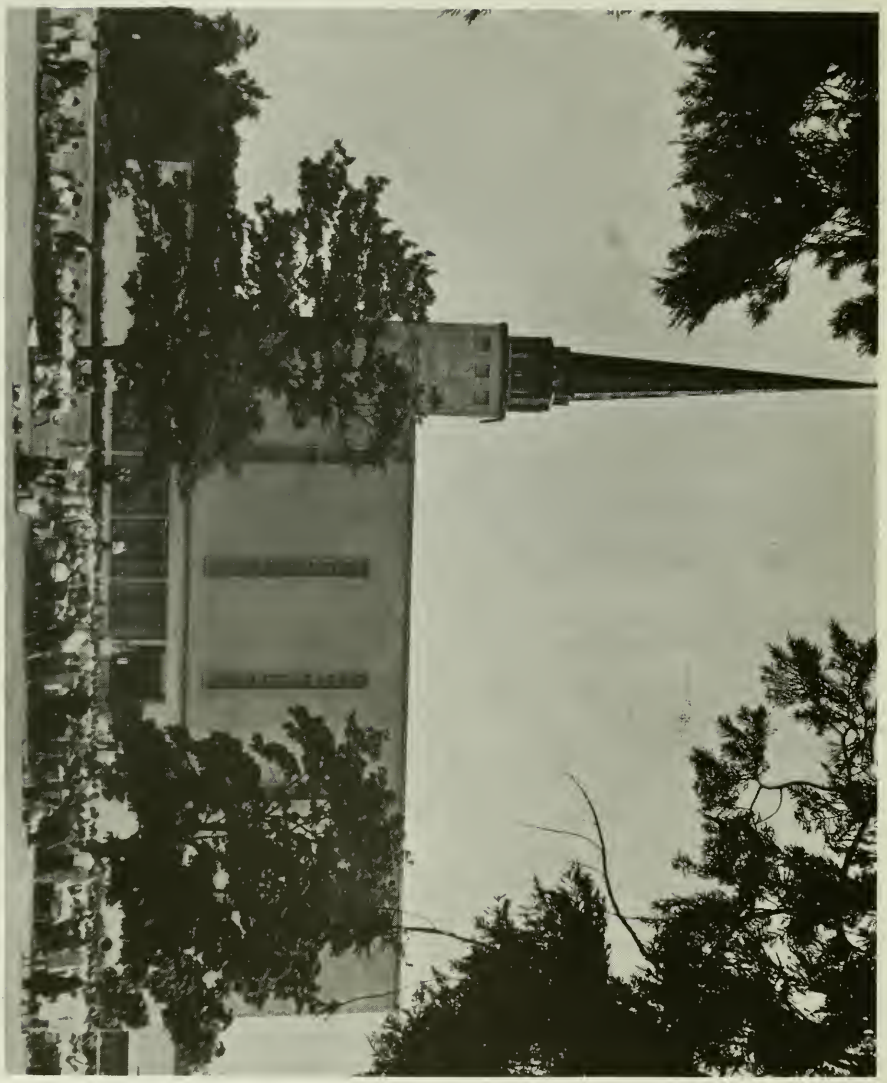
size, colour. We hope they will come to learn of the glorious temple, of the Church and the Gospel."

He spoke of Latter-day Saints living a "practical religion, not one that is adhered to only on Sunday morning, but every hour of every day, every day of the week, bringing joy and happiness into the lives of those who live it. For, Jesus Christ is at the head of the Church, He is the author of truth, the fountainhead, and President David O. McKay, the 96-year-old present day prophet, holds the mantel of authority for its direction here upon the earth."

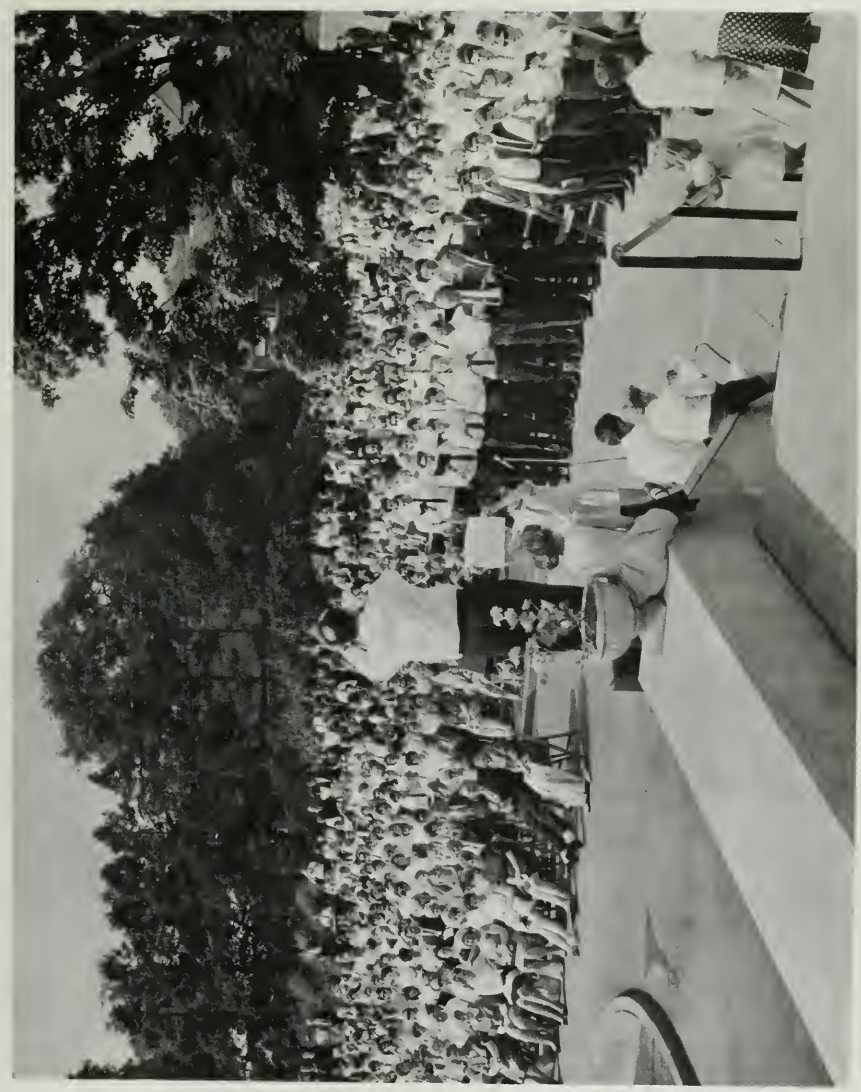
Elder Longden was accompanied by his wife, Sis. LaRue Longden who served many years as a counselor in the YWMIA General Presidency.

Pres. McKeown welcomed the addition of the new Centre to the Temple grounds and extended the hand of fellowship to the friends and neighbours.

He said, "we make the statement of our beliefs with no apology to anyone. We believe that God made us in His image, that we are His children, and that He wants us to join together for time and all eternity. We believe that Jesus died for all men."



View to the temple. (Photo by East Grinstead Courier.)



Frank Clifford directs choir.

Theatre of Visitors' Centre (Photo by Malcolm Powell, East Grinstead.)

Relief map showing chapel locations in the British Isles.

Pres. McKeown said "it is wonderful to be able to come to the House of the Lord here in the British Isles." He has presided over the temple the past year.

Eric Rushman, vice chairman of the East Grinstead Council, welcomed all Latter-day Saints to the city. "We are glad to see them and we are glad to be here today. We hold a great deal of respect for the members we have been acquainted with. We are happy to have you in our midst." Mrs. Rushman accompanied her husband. Other dignitaries present were Inspector Bowman of the Oxted Police, Mrs. Bowman, Mr. Beasley, headmaster of the Lingfield School and Mrs. Beasley.

Bro. and Sis. O. David Merrill, directors of the Centre, escorted the special guests and the press through the building. It will be open daily from 10 a.m. until sunset, announced Bro. Merrill.

Special guests also included Sis. Hamstead, Sis. McKeown, matron to the temple; Pres. Reed Callister and Sis. Callister of the British Mission; Pres. J. W. Child and Sis. Child of the British South Mission; Bro. Don K. Archer, former president of the BSM and Sis. Archer of Salt Lake City, Pres. Albert Parsons, first counselor in the

Interior of former Bureau . . .

London Temple presidency, who gave the benediction, and Sis. Parsons; Pres. George Everton, second counselor in the temple presidency, and Sis. Everton; Pres. Joseph A. Casbon of the Crawley Branch, BSM, who offered the invocation and Sis. Casbon; Bishop Monitor C. Noyce, managing editor of The Millennial Star, in charge of publicity, and Sis. Noyce. Committee planning the programme had Pres. Hamstead, chairman; with Pres. McKeown, Pres. Callister, Pres. Child, and Bishop Noyce as members.

A choir of some 200 members from the ward and branches throughout the British Isles, sang special numbers, directed by Frank Clifford of the BSM.

Ushering was provided by the London Stake missionaries and proselyting missionaries especially assigned from the British South and British Missions. Parking was directed by Boy Scouts from the Crawley Branch of the BSM.

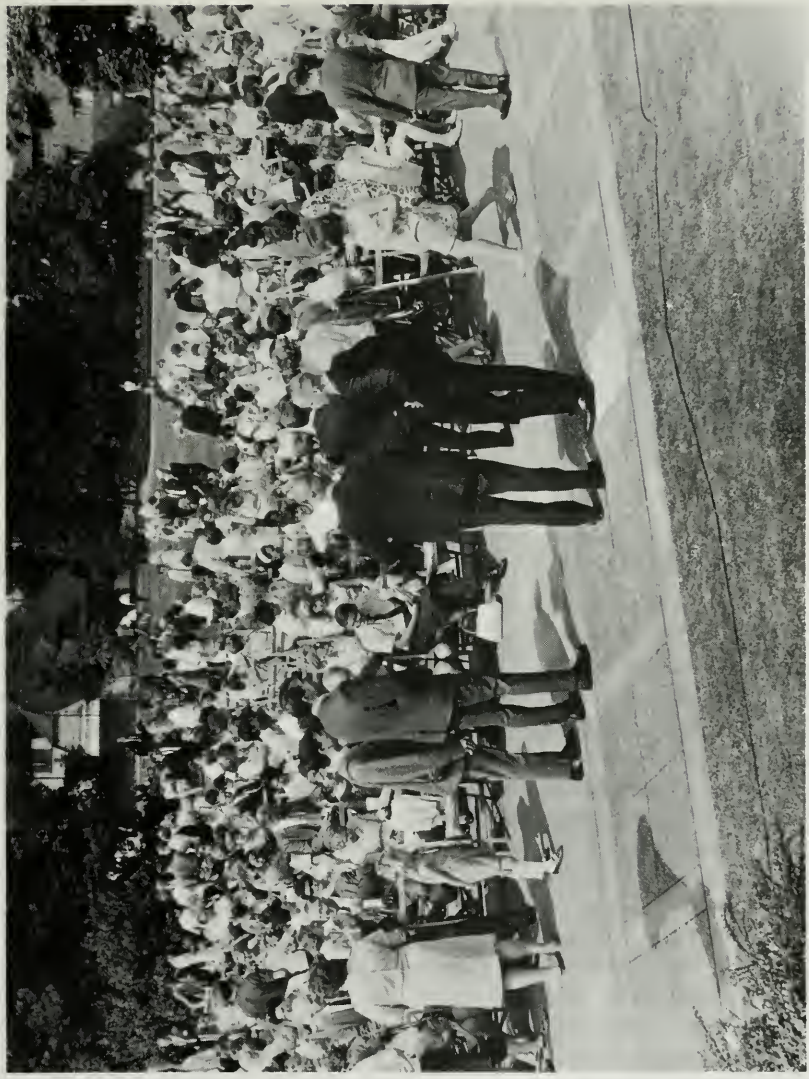
Some visitors arrived early in the morning before the first temple session, in fact Bro. and Sis. Leslie Lloyd, Luton Ward, slept the night in their van on the temple grounds.

Many compliments were forthcoming on the beauty of the grounds, the new centre, and how everyone respected the sacred temple acreage.

. . . and exterior. (Photos courtesy Bro. Richard P. Harris of Provo, Utah)

Elder Longden centre with Pres. and Sis. McKeown.
(Photo Studio Willowdale, East Grinstead)

Looking to Manor House and Big Oak Tree.



Crowd assembling prior to start of service.
(Photo courtesy East Grinstead Courier)

J. Wesley Christensen

David P. Parkinson

Seminary Programme Expansion

★ The appointment of three additional brethren to help direct the proposed expanded Seminary programme of the Church in the British Isles has been announced by Dr. Harvey L. Taylor, administrator of Church Schools, upon the recommendation of Dr. William E. Berrett, administrator of Seminaries and Institutes of Religion.

Appointed are J. Wesley Christensen as Division Coordinator of Seminaries in the newly created Scotland-Ireland District; David P. Parkinson and James R. Moss as home study supervisors.

John M. Madsen, Division Coordinator in England and Wales, introduced and implemented the Home Study Seminary Programme in August 1968 in the Leicester, Leeds and Manchester Stakes. Early morning seminaries were conducted in the Glasgow and Paisley Wards of the Glasgow Stake along with the Hyde Park and Epsom Wards of the London Stake and the Hayes Branch of the British South Mission.

Bro. Madsen, his wife, Diane, and two daughters, Lynette and Lisa, are living in Keyworth, Nottingham, where Bro. Madsen serves as an alternate high councilman of the Leicester Stake. Bro. Madsen met with stake and mission leaders during this first year to explain the Home Study Seminary Programme.

Bro. Christensen the past several years has been Diistrict Coordinator of

John M. Madsen

James R. Moss

In The British Isles

Seminaries in the Logan, Utah area and has served on the high council. He holds a Masters Degree and recently completed requirements for his Doctor of Education Degree.

He will be accompanied by his wife, Beth, and 15-year-old daughter, Cheryl and will be living in East Kilbride. His son, Richard, will join them upon completion of his mission to the Netherlands in 1970.

Bro. Parkinson has been principal of the Moab, Utah Seminary. He will assume responsibility for the Home Study Seminary Programme in Northern England to include the Leeds and Sunderland Stakes plus the Hull and Grimsby Districts of the North British Mission.

He will reside in Billingham, County Durham with his wife, Mary Etta, and three children, Mark Polly and Chris. Bro. Parkinson served a mission in the British Isles 1959-61, he has a Master of Education Degree and is working toward his Doctorate. He has held positions in the bishopric, priesthood quorums and auxiliaries.

Bro. Moss will supervise Seminaries for Southern England including the London area, plus the area encompassed by the British South and Southwest British Mission, the latter in which Bro. Moss filled his mission under Pres. A. Ray Curtis 1962-64. He is completing studies for a Masters Degree in History

of Religion, holds a political science degree and a Juris Doctorate Degree.

He and his wife, LaVelle, will reside in the Epsom Ward of the London Stake.

Bro. Madsen states that all young men and young women, ages 14-18, are encouraged to see their ward bishop or branch president and enroll in the Seminary programme which begins when the fall term of school opens in September.

The Awakening

Summer gladness shining o'er,
Glistening leaves in grandeur.
Winging music cadence sweet,
Morning glory softly greet.

Cascadent dew on verdant green,
Droplets cling in wondrous sheen.
Celestial diamonds, drops reflect.
Piercing sun, radiant select.

Nodding, swaying, gentle caress;
The trees of God seem to bless.
Branch and leaf gently blown.
Breezes coming from the dawn.

May my soul absorbent be
Of living water's Eternity!
Summer awakening ever shine
In excelsior, how divine!

Epilogue
May the warmth that fills my breast,
Inexpressible joy, eternal quest,
The glory of Celestial perfection
Come again in the resurrection.

—W. H. Brattan, West Hull Branch

YOUTH IN VIEW

SASKIA LANGLEY

★ Saskia (Sandie) Langley of the Worthing Branch of the British South Mission appeared in her first play in the long and difficult role of Don Pedro in Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing". The local newspapers acclaimed the production and paid special tribute to the outstanding performance of three 4th year girls acting in their first school play. Sandie is very active in her branch. Many at her school have been impressed with her high standards both in conduct and in dress. The leaders in her branch commend her for her fine example.

Bro. and Sis. Harold Grundy and baby.

HAROLD & JANICE GRUNDY

★ Central British Mission Youth Conventions have played quite a part in the lives of Harold and Janice Grundy of the Lincoln Branch.

Janice was baptised in 1964 after hearing two Missionary speakers at the Methodist Church she was attending. After the meetings the elders asked if there was anyone interested in learning more about the Gospel, and Janice said she didn't really know why, as she is a very shy person, but she went up to them and gave them her name and address. Sometime after her baptism she returned to her home to live with her mother who was seriously ill. A fortunate choice as it happened, because soon afterwards she met the young man who was to become her

future husband. At their first meeting she began telling him about the Church, and after a few weeks he was attending meetings with her, and he was baptised in July 1966.

At the first Youth Convention they attended, Harold proposed and Janice accepted after months of saying that she was not the marrying kind! So at that Convention they announced their engagement.

The only way they could attend the 2nd year was to include the weekend as part of their honeymoon, and this they did.

Last year they again caused a sensation, because this time they took along their baby daughter who was only a few weeks old.

They are hoping that they will be able to go again this year, as an ordinary married couple!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT CORNER

This Is The Day

This is the day to press forward,
To strive for a higher aim,
A day for mastering problems
That make up life's little game.

This is the day to be busy
Sowing the seeds of good cheer,
Spreading a few words of kindness
On pathways otherwise drear.

This is the day to enjoy, with
Many a song in your heart,
You'll be surprised just how quickly
Life's problems and cares depart.

This is the day to be thankful,
For looking about to see
Manifold blessings in nature . . .
God's goodness to you and me.

Should you but fall by the wayside,
Just get up and try again!
This is the day to be living
Your life on the highest plane!

Thought In Springtime

By Sister S. M. Hill, a recent convert

★ I looked out of my window and the rain was falling from the skies, beating hard against the window pane. I smiled to myself and thought "My seeds and rose bushes needed this." And then I suddenly had a thought that made me sit up and think seriously "What would I have thought of this wet weather three or four months ago, before I joined Christ's Church? And then I began to realise some little differences in myself, thinking of the "before" and "after" things.

I had seen joy in the rain falling, knowing that Mother Earth needs it to show us her beauties, for without rain all things would die. "How miserable the weather is today." Yes, that would have been my thought "before".

Then, out comes the sun in full force, shining over the earth making daffodils, whose heads were bent with the rain, lift them up again and smile a fond hello to the warmth of the sun.

Spring, what a wonderful time of the year! Everything awakens from the cold winter. Plants, bushes and trees start shooting out their branches and leaves in readiness for summer. How you can watch and each day find some new thing, a thing of beauty. A daffodil newly opened; a rose bush that has grown its first shoot; the grass that turns greener every day, and those lovely animals God has given us. Spring lambs frisky and full of fun; then we have dogs with new pups or cats with new kittens—each one a pleasure to watch and each one another gift from Our Father in Heaven. Oh, if I'd only known Him earlier!

Yes, I am different now. The little things of life have as much importance as anything else. Oh, that other people felt the same way. Oh, that they would stop and look at themselves and at life as they see it. Ask themselves if they are getting as much pleasure out of life as they should be. Do they appreciate Mother Nature, or turn a blind eye and try forgetting her? Trying to get pleasure from Man's Science Machines cannot be half so good as our Father's handmade things.

Yes! I'm glad I'm a Mormon. I'm glad I've found The Church that showed me how to appreciate the smaller things in life.

RECIPES FOR YOU

By Gwen Cannon

★ Not long ago, on a lovely spring day, I went to the temple with a group of Relief Society sisters from the High Wycombe Branch. While we were there, we met Brother and Sister Newel Cahoon who are temple workers from Logan, Utah. After the sessions were over, Sister Cahoon invited us to visit the Manor House on the temple grounds. Such joy it was to walk through the beautiful rooms, up the grand staircase admiring the artistry of the carved wood present throughout. It was evident that Sister Cahoon loved each nook and corner as she guided us through. Her favourite spot, however, was the large, old kitchen, that was "hers". What grand banquets must have been prepared there in times past. Now it smelled of freshly baked bread and good things to eat as it must have done in yesteryear. She insisted that we take with us on our long journey home, generously buttered slices of whole-wheat bread and delicately flavoured banana bread. It tasted like manna from heaven. We were sent happily on our way filled with the warmth of friendship of this choice couple as well as with the delicious home-baked bread.

No-Knead Whole Wheat Bread

2 cups warm milk (you can use powdered, skim milk.)
6 Tablespoons fat
½ cup brown sugar, honey or treacle
2 eggs
7 cups whole wheat flour
1 ounce of dry yeast, dissolved in ½ cup of warm water with 1 teaspoon sugar. Let it stand for ten minutes.

Mix ingredients with a spoon. Let rise about ten minutes then mix well again. Put into well oiled pans and let rise one hour. Bake at 450 degs. for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degs. and bake for 45 to 50 minutes.

Good luck, good eating and good health!

★ It has been requested that we again publish a conversion chart of British and American measurements. This chart makes it possible for you to use British or American recipes with equal ease.

Conversion Chart

British Standard	American Standard
Solids	
1 lb. butter or other fat	2 cups
1 lb. flour	4 cups
1 oz. flour	1 heaped U.S. tbsp.
1 oz. butter or other fat	2 level U.S. tbsp.
1 lb. rice	$2\frac{1}{4}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups.
1 lb. meat, raw diced	2 cups
1 lb. lentils, dried peas	2 cups
$5\frac{1}{2}$ oz. cooked rice	1 cup
4 oz. cheddar cheese	1 cup (grated)
2 oz. fresh breadcrumbs	1 cup
4 oz. dried breadcrumbs	1 cup
5 oz. apple, sliced	1 cup

American teaspoons and tablespoons are slightly smaller than British spoons, but in the same proportion, i.e. 3 American Standard teaspoons equal 1 American Standard tablespoon, which measures slightly more than a British dessertspoon.

Liquids

1 pint (20 fluid oz.)
2/5 Imperial pint

1 pint (16 fluid oz.)
1 cup

Bro. and Sis. Newel Cahoon.

Pres. and Sis. Egbert Brown of the Scottish Mission honoured by members just prior to their departure for the U.S.

PRESIDENT, SISTER BROWN HONOURED

By Margaret Strachan, Aberdeen Branch

★ Pres. and Sister Brown visited the Aberdeen Branch, Scottish North District for the last time on June 29th for the Sacrament meeting. They were presented with a gift from the members in appreciation for the love and kindness they had shown during their visits to the branch and to all the members.

They wiill be greatly missed by all the Scottish members because of their warm smiles, kind words, and the way they greeted everyone with a firm friendly handshake. All those who know Pres. and Sister Brown will wish them a safe journey home to Mesa, Arizona, where their family will greet them on arrival. And everyone hopes that in the not too distant future they will return to Scotland again to visit the brothers and sisters who love them so sincerely and wholeheartedly.

SUCCESS

Success is ninty-nine per cent mental attitude.
It calls for love, joy, optimism, cheerfulness,
imagination, initiative, tolerance, honesty,
humility, patience and enthusiasm.

—Wilford Peterson

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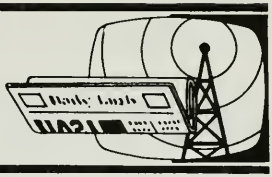

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ May was a busy month for the ABERDEEN Branch, and the M.I.A. members started it swinging with a "Hootenanny". Forty happy people gathered together for an evening of singing, dancing, music and refreshments.

To celebrate the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood, the young boys of the branch spent the weekend of the 16th/17th camping at Ballogie. Thirty members, from the age of twelve upwards, took part in many games, including football, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The weather could have been kinder, but although it was cold it did remain dry.

Towards the end of the month an Open House was held in the chapel. Branch Pres. Alastair Smith conducted the evening, and the main speakers were Pres. William S. Black and Pres. James Dunlop. The theme was centered around the Prophet David O. McKay. Afterwards refreshments were served.

★ On June 14th an Elders Quorum Convention was held at the Aberdeen Branch for the Scottish North District. Many members and their wives travelled from Glasgow, Kirkcaldy, and Dundee to attend. Bro. J. Dunlop, who comes from New Zealand, conducted the meeting, and while the Elders were convened the Relief Society sisters also gathered under the direction of Sister Lena Robertson.

The first speaker for the sisters was Sister Richardson from Glasgow who spoke on "Building an Image in the Church", Then Sister Keogh from Dundee discussed "Education and Discipline" Sister Roy also from Dundee conducted the music and sang a solo. Then Pres. W. S. Black from Aberdeen gave a talk on "Women should teach their children the Gospel". A discussion time followed and then wives and husbands gathered together in the chapel to hear Pres. and Sister Brown of the Scottish Mission. Both spoke on various aspects of the Priesthood, and Pres. Brown stressed the need to pray, study the scriptures and keep the Sabbath Day holy.

After the convention everyone assembled in the cultural hall where a three course meal had been prepared by John Donaldson of Aberdeen, who is a Grill Chef. It was served by the elders from the Aberdeen Branch. When the

meal was over everyone relaxed at a social evening.

Pres. and Sister Brown were celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary, and the Scottish saints were thrilled to be able to share this special occasion with them.

★ The Scottish South District Aaronic Priesthood Commemoration Camp was held at Cunningham Head Camp Site, Irvine, Ayrshire, on 16th/17th May, under the direction of Malcolm Keir, 2nd counselor in the District Presidency.

Blessed with wonderful sunshine, Priesthood holders from all the branches gathered together for a week-end of activities. Friday evening was celebrated with a fireside organised by Edward Steven, Elders Quorum president, and each branch participated in the programme. Following supper an evening service was held in the ruins of a derelict cottage situated on the banks of the river, which had been renamed for this occasion, the "Susquehanna"! Lamps provided illumination while three of the boys gave excellent and enlightening talks on brotherhood. George Strickland spoke on "Brotherhood in the past", Campbell Dukes on "Science to the aid of the Priesthood" and David Park "Brotherhood in the Priesthood".

On the Saturday a busy day started at 6 a.m. with a service, then after breakfast the remainder of the time was packed with hill treks, treasure hunts and using one's skills to cross the river by rope. Brother Burnside wasn't successful and ended up falling in! Thanks to the boys who all rallied round, he was soon fitted out with dry clothes.

Sports activities in the afternoon were a big success even though the boys beat the dads at tug-o-war! Winners of some of the events were:
Treasure Hunt, James Cameron.
Wheelbarrow, James Stronach and James Cameron.
Long Jump, Henry Burnside.
100 yds., James Stronach.
Five-a-side football, Edward Steven, James Stronach, Nelson Egleson, Louis Raphael and James Stronach snr.

Twenty-six attended the camp and at the closing service wonderful testimonies were borne of the fullness of the Gospel.

★ On May 17th over forty people from the AYR Branch and the Scottish South District met for a "Fare Ye Well" Social for the Bloy family who were setting off for a new life in Australia. Everyone enjoyed the fun and games and the lovely buffet created by the Relief Society. Branch Pres. Alan Topp, said "Thank you" to the Bloys on behalf of everyone, wished them "God Speed" and presented them with a copy of "Mormon Doctrine". Walter Bloy and

his wife Ann gave short speeches in reply. Both have served well in the branch, Bro. Bloy has been a counselor and Branch President, while Sister Bloy has served in Primary and as the Branch organist. They intend to settle down in the Elizabeth Ward in the Adelaide Stake.

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ Under the leadership of Bishop Brian Ashworth a very enjoyable week-end was spent at the London Temple recently by more than 30 members of the Ashton/Oldham Ward. The sisters arranged a rota for looking after the young children whilst the others were inside the Temple, thereby keeping everyone happy and free from worry.

David A. Preston, a priest of the Ashton/Oldham Ward, has been successful in his first attempt at passing the Intermediate Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. He is employed as an Articled Clerk with Graham H. Wood & Co., Chartered Accountants of Ashton-under-Lyne, and was formerly a pupil at Audenshaw Grammar School where he obtained 6 'O' level passes in the G.C.E. He is planning to take Part 1 of the Final Examination in November next year. We wish him continued success.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ SOUTHPORT Relief Society held a Pioneer party recently and the presidency dressed in appropriate costume. 1st counselor Sheila Lloyd opened with a story about the Pioneers, then 2nd counselor Alice Fleming gave a poem on the same theme by Barbara Freckee. The choir then sang two songs and Harry Lloyd led the whole group in community singing for their supper of sausage, beans and jacket potatoes. Dancing to records completed a most enjoyable evening.

Susan Watson, only daughter of Pres. and Sis. Peter Watson of SOUTHPORT Branch, flew out to a new life in Clearfield, Utah., recently. A farewell party was held in the Cultural hall and many friends and relations attended to wish her a happy new life.

★ Linda Fellows, 14-year-old member of the WARRINGTON Branch has been attending Judo lessons for $1\frac{1}{2}$ years. On May 14th in the Warrington and District Open Championship contests, she won the Junior Women's section.

She received a shield which she holds for one year, and a small statuette which she keeps.

★ LIVERPOOL Branch were the winners of the Liverpool District Drama Festival with their presentation of the play "Be-

fore the Flood". The judges were Beryl Cubbon of the Mission M.I.A. Stephenie Moffat, Crosby Branch and Pres. H. McKie of Wirral Branch. Awards for the best actress went to Sis. G. Flanagan of Warrington, and to George Sloan, Wirral Branch, as the best actor. The cup was presented by Sister Cubbon.

★ May 24th saw the LIVERPOOL saints excitedly starting their branch outing to the seaside. Although it rained on the way, the sun did break through eventually and some of them managed to obtain a sun tan. After spending a short time at Frith, many of the younger folk went off to sample the delights of Rhyl. The only mishap that occurred during the day, was when one of the boys dropped his clothes in a pool of water. He was taken to the surgery of a nearby holiday camp, where he was found later by his worried parents, contently eating ice-cream and drinking lemonade while waiting for his clothes to be dried.

★ LIVERPOOL District extended a hearty welcome to Bro. and Sister Peacock and their two sons, Freddie and Bobbie, on holiday from Granger, Utah recently. They will be remembered by many people in the Mission for all the wonderful work they did in Geneology before they emigrated to Salt Lake City, some six years ago. They are still active in this field and hope to visit Cornwall and the Midlands to do research work for some of the 'folk back there'.

★ Since January a series of unusual and delectable dinners have been held at the homes of members of the BURNLEY Branch, to raise funds for their new chapel. A Hawaiian dinner organised by Sister Hartley, a Chinese dinner by Sisters Adams and Whittaker and a Hoe Down by the Knowell family, were all followed by country dancing. These projects made quite a difference to the chapel funds as well as bringing plenty of enjoyment to the members.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ A Flower Festival took place at the NORTHAMPTON Chapel on May 17th/18th organised by the Relief Society. The arrangements were created, by those who wished to enter, on the Friday evening. Thirty lovely colourful arrangements adorned the chapel, including five displays on stands, another six were displayed in the foyer together with a table containing 21 potted plants presented by Katherine Moore. There were also displays in each classroom, the Relief Society room and the Cultural Hall.

Despite heavy rain all day on the Saturday, one hundred and four visitors

Pres. Pickup of Burnley looks like "the only man on the Island" at the Branch Hawaiian dinner.

came to view the arrangements and the building. A few more came on Sunday, including parties of nuns from Nazareth House, the orphanage and old peoples' home opposite the Church. The Sacrament service, which included the Primary Hour seemed especially uplifting, and the warmth of the sun through the windows seemed to spread the fragrance of the flowers throughout the chapel. The Festival was a huge success, and £9 . 10 . 0d. was collected for "Christian Aid Week". Also a number of contacts were found for the missionaries, it was a wonderful missionary tool.

★ Twenty-six saints attended a social given by the BEDFORD M.I.A. at the home of Bro. and Sister Vann on May 17th. This event was planned as a picnic in Bedford Park, but owing to a steady downpour of rain it had to be cancelled and the social was held instead. A meal of hot dogs and two kinds of salads was served, and outdoor games were played when possible.

The Relief Society organised a Fish and Chip Supper on the 24th, and this was held at the home of Bro. and Sister Gibbons. After the supper the children had a happy time singing, and playing

Son Like Father

Now what are you going to be my boy
When you have reached manhood years
A doctor, a lawyer or actor great
Throngs moving to laughter and tears.
But he shook his head as he made reply
In a serious way that he had
"I don't think I'd care to be any of them
I want to be like my Dad"

He wants to be like his Dad you men
Did you ever think as you pause
That the boy who watches your every move
Is building a set of laws
He's moulding a life you're the model for
And whether it's good or bad
Depends on the kind of example set
To the boy who would be like his Dad.

Would you have him go everywhere you go
And do just the things you do
See everything that your eyes behold
And woo all the Gods you woo
When you see the worship that shines in the eyes
Of your lovable little lad
Could you rest content if he gets his wish
And grows to be like his Dad.

Its a job that none but yourself can fill
Its a charge you must answer for
Its a duty to show him the road to tread
Ere he reaches his manhood's door.
Its a debt you owe for the greatest joy
On this old earth to be had
The pleasure of having a boy to raise,
Who wants to be like his Dad.

games, while the older ones enjoyed a game of volleyball. Over 32 members attended.

★ From May 23rd to the 27th, the Mission held their annual Girls' Camp at Woodhall Spa, Lincs, home of Malcolm Coombs, Mission M.I.A. Sports director.

The camp craft programme has only been running for two years in the mission, so it was thrilling to have 45 people present from 7 branches, as opposed to 14 people from 3 branches last year. Sister Heather Coombs organised the camp, very much assisted by her husband, except on the Saturday afternoon when he went off to Leicester for the Mission/Stake track and field events.

Several other priesthood holders were also present as they had acted as chauffeurs, so they were persuaded to help when they weren't sleeping or eating!

Altogether 7 girls and leaders passed their Mountaineer requirements and 12 girls and leaders their Yearling badges. They were fortunate to have Sister Isabel Cannon, the Mission Pres'. wife, working with them for her Yearling award, and Pres. Cannon attended for a

Yearlings and Mountaineers pose with Pres. George I. Cannon at Central British Mission Girls Camp.

few hours on Sunday. Michele Williams of Rhyl and Rosemary Elgar of Rugby also managed to take their Y.W.M.I.A. swimmers award during the week.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the weather was very kind apart from two heavy showers. A lot of food was eaten, songs sung and friends made, so for the next camp it is hoped to improve on numbers and efficiency even more.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION AND LEICESTER STAKE SPORTS

★ The stake and mission combined on May 24th to run off the Zone Track and Field events, the winners of which will represent the Zone in the All British Finals. The events were held at Saffron Lane Sports Centre, Leicester. A very heavy rainfall delayed the start, but as soon as it was over the programme carried on under grey skies. The new type track allowed the water to drain away rapidly and the standard of competition was high and keenly contested. The honours were divided 27 events to 12 events in favour of the stake participants. A wonderful spirit of sportsmanship was maintained throughout the afternoon.

Outstanding performances were returned by Roger Head of Worcester, C.B.M. who won the mens 18 and over 880 yds., 1 mile and 3 mile events and he was a member of the Worcester 4 x 100 relay team, which came second to Derby by 0.2 of a second. Wayne Cannon, C. B. Mission President's son, won the 18 and over Discus, shot and was 3rd in the 880 yds. and 3 miles. This rounds off his star studded sports career in England as the family returned home early in July.

Other good performances were returned by Sue Potin, Northampton, winner of 12-14 yr. girls 100 yds. and 220 yds. Stephen Musgrove, Northampton,

Start of the men's open age 3-mile race, CBM

winner 15-17 yr. boys 220 yds. and long jump and 2nd in 100 yds. and high jump. Robert Sherlock Derby, winner of men's 18 & over 100 yds, 220 yds and high jump. Kathy Smith, Birmingham, winner of girls 15-17 yrs. 100 yds., discus and under 18's shot.

As the final stages of the High Jump were taking place a thunderstorm broke over the stadium and closed a wonderful afternoon of sports.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ For the South Birmingham Ward it has been a month of business and pleasure. On May 29th, 28 children from the Ward Primary were taken to see the film "Oliver" at the Gaumont Cinema at Birmingham, much to their delight.

Grown-ups too were delighted at the results of all the effort they put into a recent jumble sale which realised £42 for their budget fund.

Members from the Northfield Branch joined with them for a Farewell party in honour of Peter Badham prior to his departure for Australia. Highlight of the meal, served by the young sisters, was a cake, beautifully decorated with a map of Australia and "Bon Voyage". Peter was presented with a silver Shaeffer Ball Point Pen engraved with "M.I.A. to Peter". On the same evening Clive Reynolds celebrated his 16th birthday, and the singing of the customary song rounded off a very happy evening.

★ WALSALL Branch celebrated the anniversary of their becoming independent on May 21st, it was also a means to raise money for the building fund, members entrance fee was a coin for each year of their age!

Games and dancing were organised by Pres. Degville, and finally the candles were lit on the cake and everyone

Roger Head, Worcester, winning the 3-mile race, CBM.

singing round it in the candlelight.

A dinner dance was arranged by the Branch M.I.A. on June 13th, with a Hawaiian theme and soft Hawaiian background music during the Turkey dinner. Dancing afterwards was directed by Bill Poxon and the happy atmosphere showed the great success of the venture.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ May 10th was an enjoyable evening for the many members of WATFORD District who attended the Gold and Green Ball held at Luton Chapel. The hall was decorated by members of Hayes Branch, and Aylesbury Branch provided the refreshments. District MIA Supt. Fred Fox acted as Master of Ceremonies, and entertainment was provided by the Hayes Branch polka dancing team. All who attended agreed it was an evening of good and uplifting fun.

★ A party of priesthood holders from the WATFORD District celebrated the Restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood by a visit to the historic city of St. Albans. In the morning they were given a guided tour of the ruins of Verula-

Watford District Gold and Green Ball, British South Mission.

mium, the old Roman city, including the well-preserved theatre and the Verulamium Museum. Unfortunately, it began to rain at lunchtime, but luckily the afternoon activity was a tour of St. Alban's Abbey and was unaffected by the weather. The sports activities originaly planned to end the day had to be called off, but all those who took part agreed it had been a fine outing. The trip was planned and organised by Pres. Mike Macdonald, District 1st counselor, and included a general knowledge competition on St. Albans for the younger boys, and a photographic competition with classes for all.

★ "Pioneer Days" was the theme of the HAYES Branch Relief Society Spring Social held on May 23rd. After a fine "Pot Luck" dinner, several of the brothers and sisters performed a Western comedy skit written by LaRae McDaniels, and the evening ended with square dancing. The District Relief Society was represented by Pres. Jean Oliver and her 1st Counselor LaRae Green. Altogether 40 members attended and all found it a most enjoyable evening.

★ During May a party from HAYES branch visited the Harlem Globe-trotters

Square Dancing at the Hayes Relief Society social in BSM.

Jean Oliver, LaRae Green, Mildred Anderson and LaRae McDaniel admire the table decorations.

show at Wembley. Organised under the auspices of the M.I.A. by Y.W. Sec. Anne Pascal, the party consisted of 59 people, members and friends. During the interval it was announced over the loudspeakers that among the audience that evening were "Miss Pascal and a small party of friends"! Everyone enjoyed it so much that it was decided to organise a similar trip to another show in the near future. Earlier this year Sister Pascal organised a visit to "Dick Whittington on Ice" for 50 members of the branch.

Among all their other activities the Branch M.I.A. have found time to plan and start work on a film show. It is being photographed on 35mm. colour slides by Roger Burden. As yet untitled it takes a humorous look at the M.I.A. Others helping in the production are Barry Johnson, Watford District Y.M. 1st counselor and Julie Hillier it is hoped that the show will be finished by midsummer.

IRISH MISSION

★ Five branches from Belfast District and from the Mission District responded with an individual dance number in the Irish Mission's Second MIA Music and

Part of youth at "Redhill" for second annual music and dance festival.

A section of the crowd who witnessed the Irish Mission Dance Festival at "Redhill". Beautiful new Visitors' Centre at London Temple. Manor House in background.

Sixteen of the 19 contestants in the Belfast District Speech Festival of the Irish Mission held at Holywood Chapel.

Dance Festival held at "Redhill", May 30.

A crowd of 300 persons witnessed the performances by the 100 dancers and singers.

Following the individual branch dances the entire group danced four numbers together on the green. The enthustic dancers enjoyed the activity so much that it created an atmosphere of enjoyment in the audience as well.

The next day, May 31, eighty mothers and daughters from all over the mission met at the Great Victoria Bus Depot for an all day outing to Tollymore Forest Park. A song festival was held in each bus directed by Pat Macateer and Janet Houston. Enroute at Down Patrick they visited the grave and Cathedral of St. Patrick.

At Tollymore they enjoyed the beauties of the forest-park trails and following lunch participated in organised games and relays.

The climax to the day came at 3 p.m. when everyone gathered under the beautiful large evergreens, and with the sun streaming down through the branches, an inspirational Testimony

M Men/Gleaner Suki Yaki Supper of Belfast District.

Meeting was held. Sister LaRue Longden, wife of Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Twelve, was the guest speaker. She gave a wealth of good advice as pertaining to Church ideals and standards, drawing from her many years experience in the YWMIA General Presidency.

★ The M-Men/Gleaner Week in the Belfast Irish District started in true spiritual fashion with an "Eternal values Evening." Pres. John Owens and Sister Owens were honoured and gave inspiring talks on the beauty and importance of Temple marriage. Sister Patricia Holmes sang a beautiful solo and after the Owens' children had been brought in to join their parents, Brother and Sister Owens sang a duet.

Afterwards, a reception was held in the cultural hall where the refreshment table was dominated by a magnificent three tier wedding cake topped with fresh pink carnations to match the rest of the floral decorations.

The following Wednesday evening most of the group were involved with the district one act play festival.

On Thursday the M.Men/Gleaners worked on the new Rosetta chapel and

as the shadows lengthened, a fire was built and they gathered for a barbeque and sing-song. The occasion was marked by the fact that no one wanted to go home.

A most enjoyable evening followed when two dozen turned up for a Suki-Yaki party in appropriate Eastern attire to sit cross-legged to eat a typical Japanese meal in a room prettily decorated with bamboo and almond blossoms.

On Saturday night, Pres. and Sister Owens were guests at a theatre trip to see the Ulster Operetta—Gilbert & Sullivan's "Yeoman of the Guard." This held especial interest as one of the members was in the cast. Aferwards everyone had supper at "The Country Kitchen."

To end the heart-warming activities of M-Men/Gleaner Week a testimony fireside was held at the Holywood Road Chapel. Superintendent Brian McCandless said that the week had been an education to him and a wonderfully interesting experience he would not have missed. He had discovered what fun a simple campfire gathering could be, that he liked Suki-Yaki, and could enjoy Opera, things he would never have chosen to do normally.

All agreed that it had been an edifying experience for all those participating.

LONDON STAKE

★ Bishop and Sister Walter Stevenson of the SOUTH LONDON Ward were "mother and father" for the evening to over 100 members of the Ward on May 22nd. Instead of holding separate family evenings, ward members gathered on this occasion as one ward family at the chapel.

A short devotional service was held, at which Bishop and Sister Stevenson introduced the theme—"Developing our talents" and pointed out that the ward, like the home, should provide the opportunity for each person to try out his or her talents in a loving atmosphere. The Relief Society Singing Mothers then sang, "The Lord is My Shepherd", directed by Vera Godwin.

Everyone then moved to the cultural hall to enjoy the entertainment. First the Primary children gave their own version of "Puppet on a String", which they had produced without adult help. Their presentation proved to be hilarious, and set a happy tone for the rest of the evening. Next Peter Harris gave his impression of a number of well-known characters, including Dr. Finlay

and Janet! The Beehive girls then presented a skit called "The Theft in the Night", that they had written and produced themselves.

The "New Ravensleas" group took everyone back to the days of Skiffle, complete with guitars, bass, washboard and what looked like a wire baking tray! Berdene Farren and Pauline Doggett gave two short items on piano and recorder.

After an interval for refreshments, the "Old Ravensleas" entertained with banjo, guitar and drums. (Bishop Stevenson's drum solos being much appreciated). Tom (Al Jolson) Coulton joined the group as vocalist. Kenneth Goddard gave two monologues about the adventures of "Albert". Dan Mackenzie amused with his own brand of humour; and the Beehive girls sang. The new Ravensleas then came up to date with a dance routine and another song, and to close the evening, Elizabeth Tindall played a piano solo.

Everyone was pleasantly surprised at the talents displayed, and the evening had truly lived up to its theme.

★ Over 200 people attended a very successful Dance Festival on May 24th, the ninth to be held in the Stake.

Forty couples entered the various sections for Ballroom and Latin American dancing. Six wards presented team dances which varied in content from Catford Branch's Zorba's Dance, to Luton's beautifully costumed Viennese dancing and Hyde Park's Hesitation Waltz with costumes in black and white, Stevenage Ward's rainbow coloured costumes for the modern waltz, then came St. Albans original modern formation dance, and South London's paso-double formation, which gained a Superior rating.

Points were awarded to each ward for participation and achievement in all sections, and the ward with the highest rating over all was awarded the Van Wagoner trophy. The winning ward was South London.
Judge for the evening was Mr. Dennis Hart-Wilson, who commented on the continued rise in the standard of dancing, at the stake's dance festivals.

★ Some immediate results eminating from the special full missionary week held earlier this spring in the London Stake in cooperation with the fulltime proselyting missionaries have now been weighed, according to Stake Mission Pres. Eric Cryer.

He said the reports indicate some 112 brethren (priesthood holders) participated, and that during the week 49 special home evenings were held, at least 31 copies of the Book of Mormon were distributed and 114 new contacts made.

Primary children sitting down to tuck at the Catford Branch Missionary party. More than 50 of the 80 children participating were non-members.

Bro. J. Smith confounds the children at missionary party, assisted by Bro. J. Medley

Primary workers who sponsored Missionary party for Primary children at Catford. From left, Sis. Ann McKay, Sis. Margaret Hunt, Sis. Arlene Hunt, Sis. Joan Burgess, Bro. and Sis. Albert Wilbourne.

At least one baptism resulted and and others are sure to follow.

Pres. Cryer noted that in Catford Branch for instance, the programme as a whole succeeded in stimulating member interest and activity in missionary work.

Epsom Ward leaders felt that the programme should be followed up by more cooperation with the missionaries.

The Home Evening Programme was the most successful phase of the week, reported North London Ward. In the Romford Ward a film night once each month is now held in the ward and members are working regularly with the missionaries.

Similar results have been noted in the remaining wards of the stake, with more attention being focused upon this very important programme of the Church.

Pres. Cryer said it is intended the programme will be repeated and intensified to get the maximum achievements. "We had good support from the priesthood" he said. He reported that the stake at present has 23 stake missionaries.

The week was held in cooperation with missionaries of the British and British South Missions.

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ Theme for the highly successful Scottish Youth Conference, June 6-8, was, "The woods would be very silent if only those birds sang which sang best."

Following their registration Friday evening all participants joined in a "Country and Western" style social evening at the chapel in Dundee. The evening's programme was held in the cultural hall with folk singing and dancing.

Saturday morning was devoted to workshops with Bro. Simmons of Greenock directing basketball; Bro. Stonach from Hamilton, directing camping and Bro. J. Stronach Jnr. of Hamilton, tennis.

Simultaneously arts and crafts were led by Alan and Stella Brown of Kirkcaldy; group discussions by Bro. Kearns of Edinburgh, Sis. Kennedy of Cumbernauld and drama by Bro. Brown of Kirkcaldy. Bro. Lovell of Kilmarnock discussed Church History and Genealogy; Bro. J. Stronach Jnr. taught dancing; Bro. Simmons of Greenock, instructed in Table Tennis; Bro. Parker showed travel films and local authority instructors led volleyball.

With glorious weather many outdoor sporting activities took up much of Saturday afternoon. For the older or less active, a three hour bus tour allowed them to enjoy both sun and scenery at their leisure.

Hungry sportsmen soon disposed of this fine array of foods prepared by the local sisters.

Youth enjoy volleyball at the sports workshop in the Scottish Mission.

The dinner-dance was the highlight of the day with the meal prepared and served by the Dundee Sisters. A special floorshow presentation marked the conclusion of the mission of Mission Pres. Egbert J. Brown and Sis. Brown, who return soon to their home in Arizona. During the floorshow Sisters Lorna Bowie and Katherine Sutherland from Aberden sang two numbers and Bro. Dennis Clancy, of Dundee, led a few old favourite songs and Bro. Jim Stronach, played the bagpipes. Master of ceremonies was Bro. Denny Downie of Airdrie.

On Sunday Bro. Michael Irving of Edinburgh conducted the priesthood meeting with Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Twelve, as the guest speaker. The women met simultaneously in their own session with Sis. Stella Brown of Kirkcaldy, conducting.

A general conference session brought 200 members together at 10.30 a.m. Four youths spoke, Sis. Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Sis. Jo Moncrieff, Bro. Jim Stonach and Bro. Les Cairns. Music was by the Dundee Priesthood Choir with solos from Sis. Mary Roy and Elder Longden. Elder and Sister Longden and Pres. and Sis. Brown each addressed the gathering.

The Youth Committee responsible for the three successful days consisted of Stella and David Brown, Kirkcaldy; Jim Stronach, Hamilton; Michael Irvine, Edinburgh; Jim Lowe, Greenock; Margaret Crighton, Dumfries.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ NEWCASTLE WARD has bid Farewell recently to the Standing family who have moved to Leeds, leaving one daughter Patricia behind to finish her school term. Everyone is looking forward to a reunion when the family go back to collect her, as the Standings are a popular family.

Vera Gray also said goodbye to the ward and left for Canada in May. At a farwell party attended by about 60 friends and relatives, she was presented with an attractive blue suitcase, a volume on the L.D.S. family and a beautiful inscribed silver bracelet. Throughout her 14 years as a Church member, she has served in the Relief Society, M.I.A. Sunday School, Genealogy, and in the music departments at ward and stake level. She will be missed very much by the members of the ward, but as she rejoines her husband Harry and their daughters Julie and Patricia in Canada, she can be certain that she will always be fondly remembered.

★ When the Newcastle Elders Group staged a Fancy Dress Dance recently, Gordon and Cora Matthews took 1st prize for their costumes of pirate and gypsy girl; they shared a box of chocolates. Norman Myers officiated in the dancing and told a few jokes as he did so. The food was delightfully prepared

Jean Archibald, Pat Prendergast and Margaret Selkirk singing at the farewell party for Vera Gray. Norman Myers is at the piano.

and arranged by Trudi Cooper and Pat Standing.

Following a general increase of enthusiasm for sports, the Ward M.I.A. have bought two more table-tennis tables at a low price. Y.M. Supt. Gordon Matthews felt it worthwhile to commend the conduct of non-member boys who regularly attend M.IA and played so sportingly at the recent Stake Sports meeting

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★ The evening was rather cold when the NORTH SHIELDS Relief Society gave a party, so the sisters and their guests were glad to play some energetic games in order to keep warm. Pres. Alma Blanchard served a wonderful buffet supper.

BRITISH MISSION

★ Before the Matthews family of the NORWICH Branch emigrated to Australia, the members held a Farewell Social on the 30th May. The fifty people who attended were entertained by some skits from the Ensign and Vanguard classes, and then some choral members from the branch choir. In honour of Sis. Erika Matthews who is German, these were sung in her native tongue,

she was then presented with a broach, while her husband George received some tea towels and a lace table-cloth and their children some furry toys.

The family have been in the Church for three years now and Bro. Matthews served as Mutual Superintendent and 2nd Assistant Superintendent in the Sunday School, while Sister Matthews was a Sunday School teacher. Everyone wished them happiness in their new life.

When the meal was finally ready the priesthood formed a human chain from the kitchen to the dining hall passing one to another the piping hot meals. Children were the first to be served, then the sisters who were followed by the priesthood and last but not least the chef himself.

As a grand finale to a wonderful evening, William Garland played the Piano-Accordion and accompanied the audience in a good old sing-song.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ Roast beef, potatoes, peas and carrots, followed by fruit cocktail topped with cold custard, were on the menu of St. Austell's Third Annual Priesthood Dinner held at the branch on May 16th.

The dinner was organised by the head chef, Jimmy Bone, who was assisted by the other members of the priesthood. While the brethren prevailed in setting the tables and preparing the dinner, Sister Crystal Pearce organised dancing and games to the music of records, kindly provided by John Smith.

A state of emergency arose when it was discovered that there were not enough plates for the extra members from Newquay, Redruth and Helston, but it was soon settled as local members drove home to fetch more.

★ Three young men of the Preston Branch, Lancashire, have been presented with their Duty To God Awards. They are Michael and Christopher Doughty and Keith McCall. These young men have grown up in the Church, having gone through Primary, Sunday School, MIA and Priesthood and completed all requirements for this outstanding achievement.

According to Thomas McCall of the branch, the new chapel, in use since April, has aided greatly to the spirit and progress of the membership.

He reports the Relief Society held a very successful Continental evening which was well supported by many non-members residing in the district. The branch gained first place for having the best decorated stall in the district bazaar.

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHS

★ January 21st—To Steven and Patrica Sontar, Cumbermould Branch, Hamilton District, a daughter, Stephanie Patricia Sontar.

★ March 3rd—To Larry and Linda Tolman, formerly Fleming of Southport Branch, North British Mission, now of Downey, California, a daughter.

★ March 14th—To Leslie and Joan Pearce, North Shields Branch, Sunderland Stake, a daughter Joan Sally.

★ March 19th—To Derrick and Rita Allen, Bedford Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter, Susan.

★ April 28th—To Lewis and Helen Chisholm, Kilmarnock Branch, Scottish Mission, twin son and daughter, Colin Thomas and Elizabeth Ann.

★ May 8th—To W. Mantey and Sis. Mantey, 80 Croydon Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4, a son, Sean.

★ June 1st—To James and Dale Archibald, Aberdeen Branch, Scottish Mission, a daughter, Rachel Jane.

★ June 7th—To Bertram and Victoria Merrell, Chester Branch, Central British Mission, a daughter Rachel.

★ June 17th—To James and Margaret White, Norwich Branch, British Mission a son, Jonathan David.

MARRIAGES

★ Ann Juliet Abbott and David Morgan were married at the SOUTHPORT Chapel on April 5th. The bride wore a long white dress and train of crystal satin trimmed with guipure lace, and was attended by her sister-in-law, Doreen Abbott. After the ceremony a reception was held at the Scarisbrick Hotel. The couple will now live in Houghton-le-Spring, C. Durham.

★ On May 17th John Hughes and Eileen Walker were married in the Rawtenstall Chapel.

Ann Abbott and David Morgan after their wedding at Southport Chapel. At left Robert Kay, best man and right, Doreen Abbott, matron of honour.

Bishop J. Thomson, Springboig Ward, Glasgow Stake, playing the Dulcimer he enjoys when time will permit from his many responsibilities

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greatest of all the prophets, said Jesus, born of women. (See Luke 7:28.)

PROPHETS—PRACTICAL MEN

These prophets were not dreamers, they were not visionary men—they were practical men. They saw the present and the future needs of the people to whom they were sent.

President Brigham Young, for instance, was a great prophet and more than a prophet. He was called to a great responsibility. It was not unlike that which fell upon Moses, the lawgiver of Israel, during the years of exodus from Egypt. Both of them were deeply concerned with the spiritual and temporal welfare of their people.

Looking back over the magnificent achievements of Brigham Young and those who followed, we can picture the tragic exodus of covered wagons and handcart companies. Every day was a challenge, and every night a hazard, full of danger and uncertainty. But the sturdy and unconquerable pioneers under their prophet, never faltered; they pressed forward to their destination. On their arrival, they beheld a barren wasteland, covered with sagebrush and possessed by the savage Indians. What did this modern prophet do? He made friends with the Indians.

He cultivated the soil, and he irrigated the fields.

Prophets came as they were needed. May we, heed the prophets who live today.

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of Jesus Christ. We have taken upon ourselves the name of the Master and have entered into a covenant to keep all of His commandments. The Saviour came into this world, according to His own statement, to give us life more abundantly—in other words, that we might have joy, an abundance of joy, a continuance of joy. Thus it is essential that we follow the pathway which the Son of Man marked out for us if we are to receive that abundant life which is a fulness of joy.

We must learn to love the Lord our God with all of our hearts, might, mind, and strength. (Mat. 22:37-38.) We must abide by that Golden Rule (Ibid., 7:12) and learn to love our neighbours as ourselves. (Ibid., 22:39.) In this way, and in this way only, shall we have a fulness of joy. There is no other road.

Visiting Teaching Is Wonderful

By Dorothy L. Shorrock, First Counselor, West Zone, North British Mission

★ Oh the thrill that one feels when attending a well planned Relief Society Convention and particularly a Visiting Teachers' Convention! It was a wonderful experience to attend the Lake District Convention of Visiting Teachers recently.

From the very moment we entered the little, rented hall we felt a warm glow of enthusiasm, and a wonderful welcome radiated from every corner of the delightfully decorated room. As we entered, two Sisters with outstreatched hands greeted us with love and friendliness.

We each received a card boldly portraying the Convention theme. The card was of a lighthouse cleverly created in the Relief Society colours of blue and gold with a sparkling glitter beam of light radiating from the highest point of the tower. We were mindful of the many patient hours which must have been spent in designing and making these clever introduction cards to the Convention theme. On the gay little cards were carefully printed the words: "As the lighthouse guides the seamen, so the Visiting Teachers illuminate the minds of women".

A large lighthouse had been cleverly and carefully made to decorate the centre wall platform panel in the room and made a striking impression. The large beams of light boldly and effectively proclaimed the theme to the audience. Oh, the care and dedication which must have gone into the preparation of each beautiful and important visual aid. In the centre of the platform on a long table another lighthouse model had been prepared and stood out realistically from the rugged rocks which surrounded it. On its tall tower the red light warning and safety signal flashed off and on. We felt greatly humbled to contemplate the responsibility of each Visiting Teacher in helping to illuminate the minds of the families we visit.

The walls of the little meeting hall in Kendal were covered with visual aids

depicting the Visiting Teachers' messages for the year. Each month was illustrated by the seasons flowers or ferns.

The programme was well chosen and contributed much to the sweet and lovely atmosphere of the occasion. One sister illustrated her talk with a model of a Visiting Teacher which stood lifelike on the table before her. At the conclusion of her remarks, she proudly pinned a bright, blue ribbon sash on the model, bearing the words "Miss Visiting Teacher, 1969."

During the Convention a beautiful Biblical Tableau was presented, depicting the Saviour, and women of the Scriptures. The hymn "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me" was heard in the background, adding to the beautiful spirit.

The Visiting Teachers were presented with red roses. Pink roses were also given to Dorothy L. Shorrock and Alice A. Hughes representing the West Zone of the North British Mission. The silver Revon Porter Cup which is presented each year for the best Visiting Teaching Record went to Barlow Branch Relief Society.

Refreshment tables were decorated with gleaming brass and copper dishes and candlesticks, table covers in blue and gold. The floral arrangements, of yellow daffodils, blue iris, ferns and foliage, were a joy to behold.

To Eileen Watkins, District Relief Society President of the Lake District who works so diligently in planning these events; to each Visiting Teacher Leader or Visiting Teacher who contributes support and enthusiasm appreciation is due. We are sure that each Relief Society Sister throughout the British Isles knows the thrill of participating in a worthwhile, soul-satisfying event. Yes, Visiting Teaching is wonderful, and lovely, well planned conventions held regularly contribute much toward its success. It's so good to take part. May Our Heavenly Father Bless our Visiting Teachers everywhere.

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STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH

"No man is safe unless he is master of himself. There is no tyrant so merciless, or more to be dreaded, than an uncontrollable appetite."

—President Joseph F. Smith

An award winning short story

The Conversion

by Judi Hartley, Winsford, Cheshire

★ "Bye Mum, see you after Primary." A quick kiss, a cheery wave, a gentle slam and Wendy was gone, skipping down the front path with all the zest for living which only the very young and innocent can know. Benita sighed resentfully "another evening alone." What, she wondered self-pityingly, was happening to her once happy carefree family.

Whilst she was preparing tea her husband Frank had rung to say that he wouldn't be home until ten because he had to go to a priesthood meeting, then the twins, Sally and Sue, had rushed in, gobbled her carefully prepared meal, got all dressed up (and even though she was their mother Benita felt real proud of them) and breezily announced that they were going to an M.I.A. dance. Now even Wendy, her baby, had gone out on this church lark.

It's all right for those young Americans thought Benita, they come to England for two years, create havoc in peoples homes, then go back home without a thought for the heartbreak they leave behind. If a small voice at the back of Benita's mind whispered that it was she and not the Mormon Elders who created the havoc then she forced it right to the furthermost recess of her consciousness.

Why only six months ago on a Friday night Benita could have predicted the whereabouts of her family. Frank would be polishing the car ready for the family picnic on Saturday, the twins would be "raving it up" (their

phrase not Benita's) in their studio-cum-bedroom, and young Wendy would have been chattering happily to Benita whilst she thought up various dodges to delay bedtime.

Now she could equally well say where they were—at that church—but where she herself would be the mainspring, in the middle of all the love and laughter, she was now on the outside, in the cold, looking in at a family whose ideas and personalities had suddenly changed almost beyond belief and had in the changing left her far behind. Oh, to be fair, the joining of this church had it's good points.

Frank was now the one she relied upon instead of the other way round he made sure the twins did their share of the housework but the funny thing was he seldom these days had to remind them. Sally and Sue sensibly discussed with her a rota of duties which was flexible yet which provided for all to pull their weight. When Benita had laughingly protested that they were only young once and should enjoy themselves whilst they could, Frank had come down on their side and said that it was never too soon to learn to be a good homemaker. He'd also added a few suggestions of his own with the result that everyone automatically observed the rota. Even Wendy was more thoughtful. Too serious Benita thought. But then Benita thought anything which detracted from the gay life was too serious. Take Frank now worrying about his ancestors, claiming he knew where they were, pestering her about the state of their family after death. Something about a marriage for time and all eternity. That, Benita thought, was funny. When she'd worked hard all her life she deserved her little bit of heaven without family cares. They must take pot luck in the after life just as she believed everyone had to do, although she very much doubted the existence of an after life of any kind.

It was only a matter of time she told herself they'd get fed up of being so good. Soon things would be back to normal. She'd again be having friends in for drinks and they'd all laugh about this religious mania which had hit them so hard. Then she'd be able to boast about being the only one who wasn't gullible. Only if that was so why was it she sat here alone and frightened, crying as if her heart would break.

'Nita Nita' Frank's clear voice rang through the house and Benita hurriedly blew her nose and collected her thoughts.

"What's wrong I thought you would be back late?" As she spoke she walked into the hall to meet her husband and as she looked at him she felt the familiar yet always new surge of love flow through her. The love which had not altered since she took him for better or worse eighteen years ago.

"Nita I've brought you a guest for the night. This is Neal and his mother has had to go out of town to tend a sick relative until the nurse arrives. His father works nights so I said we'd lend a hand."

"Of course we will. Hello Neal, I have some home made biscuits and lemonade in the kitchen, would you like some?" With a warm smile Benita drew the serious faced little boy into the bright warm kitchen. gradually under her friendly persuasion he thawed, his fright left him and he became a normal high spirited little boy. As she and Frank played with him Benita tried to pretend that her earlier fears were all in her imagination. At nine o'clock she left them together whilst she went to make up the bed in the spare room. Soon she heard squeals of laughter mingling with a mans deep hearty chuckle as Frank bathed him. Rosy faced and drowsy, hugging Wendy's long deserted, battered teddy bear, he paddled into the bedroom to her. "Into bed young man" she said cheerfully. She drew the drapes, kissed him lightly on the head and made to leave the room.

"Auntie" the small almost scared voice arrested her as she was about to close the door.

"Yes Love" she paused expectantly waiting to hear the usual plea for just one more story.

"I haven't said my prayers"

Oh: "Benita was at a loss. "Well I'll tell you what you say them to yourself in bed for tonight"

"But I can't do that" the little face puckered and Benita said hastily "all right what do you usually do?"

She came back to the end of the bed, and Neal jumped out and knelt at the side. He looked at her? Obviously he was waiting for her to do something.

Embrarrassed she said in a small voice "I don't know how to pray."

Blank amazement registered on the child's face. "You mean you and uncle Frank don't talk to heavenly father together?" Benita gave a mute nod.

"Well I can't remember everything because mummy usually helps me but I'll try. First you kneel down and put your hands together and shut your eyes. That's so you can see Heavenly Father in your special eye. Now do you know that heavenly father is listening?"

Eager to get out of the room Benita assented. At first as the boy prayed Benita's mind wandered and she heard little of the earnest requests to bless mummy and daddy look after granny, thank you for having the best football in the gang, then suddenly Benita sat up straight as the names of her family registered on her mind. Neal was saying "and please bless auntie Nita and make her want to say her prayers, tell her that you love her like you love me then uncle Frank and Sally and Sue and Wendy won't be unhappy any more."

After Neal had finished Benita felt strangely touched and more at peace then she had done for a long time. "Why did you say that uncle Frank was unhappy?" She asked the little boy as she tucked him in. "He said at testimony meeting would we all pray for you because he loved you and was sad because you were sad" came the sleepy reply.

Benita prepared supper in a thoughtful mood and that night when Frank, as was his custom, asked her to join in their family prayer she didn't refuse as she normally did, nor did she miss the significant glance which her family hopefully exchanged when she walked into the sitting room with Frank. The peace and sincerity impressed her and it became a habit to sit in at their nightly devotions until one wonderful night Benita found herself praying with them. Although all her battles were not yet over by any means but after that night Benita never looked back and when she was baptised three months later the whole family shared a happiness which they all agreed was parallel to none. How do I know all this you ask. Well if a daughter doesn't know her mother who does? Incidently all this happened many years ago and tomorrow Neal and Wendy get married, but that's another story.

Knowledge Wisdom and Works

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★ ". . . If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him . . ." This one scripture started Joseph Smith on his mission on this earth. Was he given wisdom in answer to his prayer? I would rather think he was given knowledge first, for wisdom comes from the application of knowledge. Knowledge comes in various ways: by learning from a teacher or a lecturer at school or college; spiritual knowledge by reading the scriptures; knowledge also comes through experience.

To illustrate this let us take a small toddler and his mother: The mother leaves the poker in the fire and soon it gets red-hot. She takes it out of the fire and lays it in the hearth to cool. The toddler, seeing that his mother has handled the poker, picks it up but at the wrong end and is burned. Some months after the mother makes the same mistake with the poker and as before lays it in the hearth to cool. The toddler goes to pick it up but remembers that the last time he picked it up he was severely burned so he goes away from the hearth and leaves the poker alone. He had acquired knowledge from experience and applied it and so had used wisdom. His mother had acquired knowledge but had not used it and thus had lacked wisdom.

Joseph Smith, when he prayed in the grove, obtained the knowledge that the Father and the Son were real personages. Afterwards, speaking of prayer, he said he had knowledge that he would have a manifestation, had had the wisdom to ask for one and in consequence Moroni appeared to him.

Let us now consider works. James 2:20, ". . . But wilt thou not know, o vain man, that faith without works is dead?" And James 2:14 "What doth it profit my brethren, though a man say he hath faith and have not works? Can faith save him?"

I will illustrate this by a story: A group of small boys were playing in a stream, but the best of them could only swim about three strokes. A short distance below where they were was a treacherous hole much beyond their depth. Into this, one of the boys accidently fell. He was helpless to save himself and for a moment his companions stood and watched him struggling. One boy, though, had the wit to seize a long, loose stick from a fence nearby and held it out to the boy in the water who grasped it firmly with both hands and was dragged to the shore.

All the boys said that the boy owed his life to the boy who had used the stick. This is a fact, but to look at it another way, if the boy in the water had not helped himself by grasping the stick he would have drowned.

Jesus is the boy on the bank, the stick is the Gospel, the means of salvation, the hope of Eternal life. The boy in the water is mankind and must grasp the means of salvation, the stick, hold on to it, and not merely look at Jesus on the bank and say, "I believe." but must use wisdom and apply knowledge by living every principle of the Gospel and help himself by making belief a reality through works.

Mankind is not pulled ashore in spite of itself. Knowledge is obtained by doing the will of God; Love of God is not shown in words but in works.

Eternal Life is the result of using wisdom, by applying knowledge of the principles of the Gospel and translating them into works.

The Borough of Huddersfield has a coat of arms which has a motto in latin, "Juvat Impigros Deus", the translation of which I would like to leave with you:

"God helps those who help themselves."

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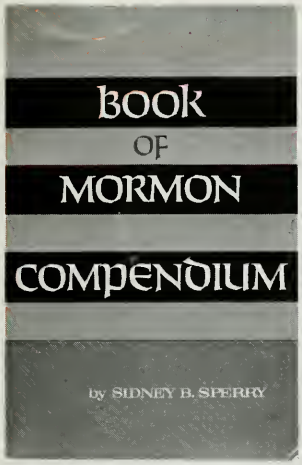

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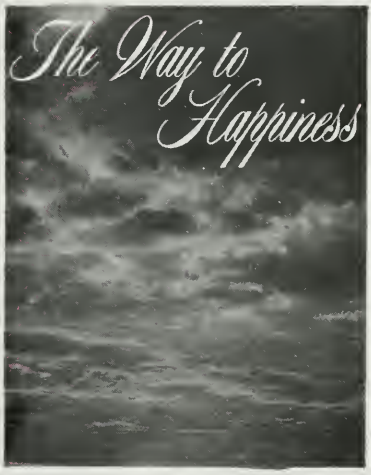

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London Temple News

(BOOK EARLY FOR EDENBROOK)

★ Some disappointment is still being felt by patrons when they find "Edenbrook" already fully booked on the Friday or Saturday night of their assigned Saturdays, according to Temple Pres. Dougald C. McKeown.

Will members coming to stay at "Edenbrook" note that accommodation is only reserved for the assigned Mission and Stakes until two weeks prior to their assigned day and upon the basis of a firm booking, accompanied by a remittance of 5/- per head, made payable to the London Temple.

The accommodation is made available to all who desire it strictly on a 'first come, first served' basis, in the last two weeks before your assigned day, says Pres. McKeown.

TEMPLE

★ Many letters of appreciation are received at the London Temple from persons who attend the various sessions. They express the thoughts and thanks for the blessings and helps received, and for the strength given them to face the problems of life. Some letters come from those attending for the first time, others from long time participants.

A letter of recent date came from a couple who came to the Temple for their own endowments and sealing after many years membership in the Church. The date of their marriage was near the anniversary date of their baptism. They celebrated a second honeymoon at the Temple by staying the full week after their sealing.

May we quote a few of their joyous expressions after that wonderful week:

". . . I must admit, I am at a loss as to how I should try to express my feelings, it was all so beautiful. I feel I am now more than ever aware of my many imperfections, but just as determined to overcome them. I feel that at long last I have finally won my personal battle with Satan.

"I know that I speak for my wife as

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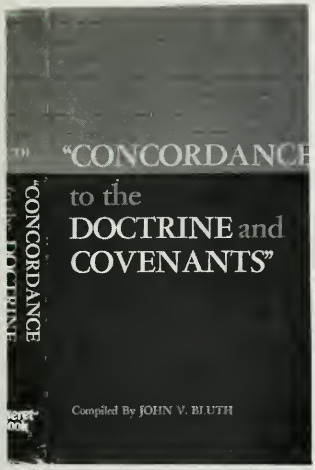

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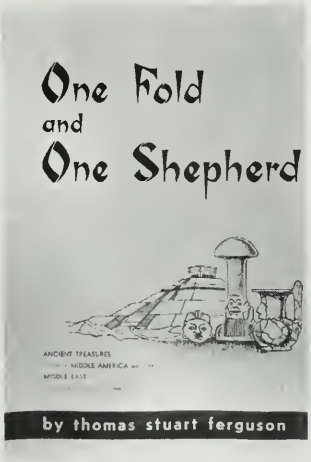

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well when I say that we enjoyed every moment of time we spent in the Temple. We shall never forget you who married us, that is a certainty. We are both supremely happy and can hardly wait to return once again to the Lord's House to participate once more in His "Holy ordinances.

"Until that time we send you our personal thanks and best wishes for the good work we know you are doing in the service of the Lord. . . "

Another sample letter:

"My visit to the Temple was the most wonderful experience. It made me so happy to share the love that abounded there prevalent among everyone present. To be the recipient of such gentle kindness that I experienced whilst participating in the various ordinances was something that I will treasure all my life.

"I never realised that such beauty existed! I am sorry, I did not make this visit earlier in my life. At last I realise the full significance of the work in the Temple and how vital it is for me to influence others to want the same wonderful experiences."

Temple Schedule

AUGUST

16 Summer Holiday
23 Summer Holiday
30 Summer Holiday

SEPTEMBER

6 British South, North British
13 British, Central British
20 Leicester, Manchester, Southwest British
27 London, Leeds

There is a difference between the kingdom of God and the fruits and blessings that flow from the kingdom; because there were more miracles, gifts, visions, healings, tongues, etc., in the days of Jesus Christ and His apostles, and on the day of Pentecost, than under John's administration, it does not prove by any means that John had not the kingdom of God, any more than it would that a woman had not a milkpan because she had not a pan of milk, for while the pan might be compared to the kingdom, the milk might be compared to the blessings of the kingdom.

—Joseph Smith